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MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator-Elect Danton of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Make Drinking in an Unlicensed Public Place a Class E Crime.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

17 MRSA § 2003, sub-§ 1, is amended to read:

1. **Drinking in public place.** Any person taking a drink of liquor or offering a drink of liquor to another or any person in charge of a public place knowingly permitting drinking at or in a public place, except places licensed for on-premise sale of liquor, or any person taking a drink of liquor or offering a drink of liquor in any vehicle not licensed for sale of liquor shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 is guilty of a Class E crime.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make drinking in any public place which is not licensed for the on-premise sale of liquor, including drinking within a motor vehicle, a Class E crime.