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On Motion of Senator Katz of Kennebec, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator Danton of York.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Provide for Consistent Hours of Operation by State Retail and Agency
Liquor Stores.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the 1979 tourist season; and

Whereas, there exists uncertainties and confusion, created by variable hours of sale for different types of liquors; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary to resolve such uncertainties and confusion; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and requires the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

28 MRSA § 154, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 741, § 11, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 154. Business hours

The State Liquor Commission shall establish the hours of operation of each state retail liquor store and state agency liquor store subject to the restrictions of business days and hours in section 4.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Currently, state agency liquor stores operate with different selling hours for different types of liquors. This legislation would make the business days and hours the same for all types of liquors.

State liquor store hours would not change, but could be changed by order of the State Liquor Commission if it were determined that there was a need for it.