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S. P. 434

In Senate, March 21, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator Pierce of Kennebec.

Cosponsor: 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 the Use of Credit Cards at the Kittery Liquor Store Only.

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

28 MRSA § 53, sub-§ 7, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 741, § 4, is amended to read:

7. **Sell at retail.** To sell at retail in state stores in original packages ~~and for cash~~, either over the counter or by shipment to points within the State, wine, except table wine, and spirits of all kinds for consumption off the premises at state stores to be operated under the direction of the commission. **All such sales shall be for cash, except that at the one authorized special discount store, credit may be extended to the holder of a credit card which authorizes the holder to charge goods or services.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would allow the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages to accept major credit cards at the special discount state store in Kittery.

Many travelers use credit cards and many sales are lost at this state store because of the cash only requirement.

Most sales at the Kittery store are to individuals leaving the State. These sales, if not completed, are lost to other states along the persons' route of travel.