

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

---

---

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

---

---

**Legislative Document**

**No. 1487**

H. P. 1243

House of Representatives, March 28, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carrier of Westbrook.

Cosponsor: Mr. Wyman of Pittsfield.

---

---

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

---

**AN ACT to Regulate State Liquor Stores and Agencies.**

---

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

**Sec. 1.** 28 MRSA § 101, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 630, § 2, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

**All petition signatures must have been signed since the last general election.**

**Sec. 2.** 28 MRSA § 153, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 551, § 4, is further amended by adding after the first paragraph 2 new paragraphs to read:

**The commission shall not discontinue any state store as a result of licensing a special agency rental store nor shall the commission discontinue a state store and then license a special agency store as its replacement.**

**Before the commission discontinues any state store it shall hold a public hearing, giving reasonable notice at least 20 days before the hearing is to be held. State Legislators representing the area in which the store to be discontinued is located shall receive written notice of the hearing. The commission shall consider all public testimony prior to closing the store and shall issue a public statement explaining their final decision.**

**Any special agency store occupying premises previously occupied by a state store shall, within 72 hours of opening for business, remove all signs on the premises of that store which identify those premises as a state store.**

**Sec. 3. 28 MRSA § 154, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 741, § 11, is amended to read:**

State retail liquor stores and state agency stores may be open for the sale and delivery of liquor between the hours of 9 a.m. and ~~midnight~~ 6 p.m. in municipalities and unincorporated places which have voted affirmatively on section 101, subsection 1.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to regulate state liquor stores.

Section 1 prevents petitions signed prior to the last general election from being used to vote on liquor issues.

Section 2 requires a public hearing before any state store can be closed and prevents the commission from closing a state store to open an agency store. It also requires any agency store occupying a vacated state store to remove signs identifying the store as a state store.

Section 3 changes the hours in which liquor can be sold in state liquor stores and agency stores.