

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 251

House of Representatives, January 19, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carter of Winslow.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Make the 10-Mile Radius Restriction on Agency Liquor Stores
Applicable only to Towns of Less than 5,000 People.**

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

28 MRSA § 153, first ¶, 3rd and 4th sentences, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 117, § 1, is amended to read:

The commission shall not license any additional agency stores **in any municipality of less than 5,000 population if the store** would be within a 10-mile radius of a state store or agency store. If a state or agency store closes **in such a municipality**, it may not be replaced if there is another state or agency store within a 10-mile radius, except that, after the closing of any agency store which was licensed prior to December 1, 1979 and which is within a 10-mile radius of a state store or another agency store, that agency store may be replaced once after December 1, 1979.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The liquor laws presently prevent the licensing of an agency store if it will be located within a 10-mile radius of any state liquor store or other agency store. This bill limits that provision to agency stores to be licensed in a municipality having a population of less than 8,000 people.