

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 359

S. P. 151

In Senate, January 22, 1981

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Minkowsky of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Pertaining to the Retention of Records for Closing-out Sales.

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

30 MRSA § 2501, sub-§ 3 is amended to read:

3. **License issued.** Upon compliance with the requirements of this section, the municipal officers shall issue the license forthwith. The municipal officers shall preserve all applications for license and other papers filed in connection therewith as a ~~permanent~~ public record in their office for a period of 5 years, and shall endorse thereon the dates of filing, and the granting or denial of said license, and shall make an abstract of any other proceedings taken in connection therewith.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide that records for closing-out sales need only be kept for 5 years. Requiring the records to be kept as a permanent record creates a burden on municipalities. There is no reason for keeping these records for any longer than 5 years.