

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 425**

H. P. 382

House of Representatives, January 26, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Rolde of York.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**AN ACT to Further Competition with New Hampshire in the Liquor Trade.**

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

**Sec. 1. 28 MRSA § 451, first ¶, last sentence**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 646, is further amended to read:

Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the commission, with the approval of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, may reduce the price of liquor in ~~one store~~ **4 stores**, and licensees permitted to purchase liquor at a discount under section 204 may purchase liquor for resale from that store at the same price they are permitted to purchase liquor for resale from any state store which does not offer a retail discount.

**Sec. 2. Study.** The Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs of the Legislature shall conduct an indepth study of the feasibility of reducing the price of liquor throughout the State. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations, together with all necessary implementing legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 110th Legislature.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide for 3 additional discount liquor stores in order to more effectively compete with the State of New Hampshire. The bill also provides for an indepth study by the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs to determine the feasibility of lowering liquor prices throughout the State.