

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 923**

H. P. 778

House of Representatives, February 19, 1981

On Motion of Representative Brannigan of Portland, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Armstrong of Wilton.

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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 Permit Supermarkets to Remain Open on Sunday.**

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

17 MRSA § 3204, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1977, c. 284, § 3, is further amended to read:

This section shall not apply to: The operation or maintenance of common, contract and private carriers; **self-service, retail food stores or markets**; taxicabs; airplanes; newspapers; radio and television stations; hotels, motels, rooming houses, tourist and trailer camps; restaurants; garages and motor vehicle service stations; retail monument dealers; automatic laundries; machines that vend anything of value, including, but not limited to, a product, money or service; pharmacies; greenhouses; seasonal stands engaged in sale of farm produce; dairy products, sea food or Christmas trees; public utilities; industries normally kept in continuous operations, including, but not limited to, pulp and paper plants and textile plants; processing plants handling agricultural produce or products of the sea; ship chandleries; marinas; establishments primarily selling boats, boating equipment, sporting equipment, souvenirs and novelties; motion picture theatres; public dancing; sports and athletic events; bowling alleys; displaying or exploding fireworks, under Title 8, chapter 9; musical concerts; religious, educational, scientific or philosophical lectures; scenic, historic, recreational and amusement facilities; real estate brokers and real estate salesmen; mobile home brokers and mobile home salesmen; provided

that this section shall not exempt the businesses or facilities specified in sections 3205, 3206 and 3207 from closing in any municipality until the requirements of those sections have been met; stores wherein no more than 5 persons, including the proprietor, are employed in the usual and regular conduct of business; stores which have no more than 5,000 square feet of interior customer selling space, excluding back room storage, office and processing space.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill exempts supermarkets from the Sunday closing law.