

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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5 **Legislative Document**

**No. 1900**

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7 H. P. 1914 House of Representatives, January 28, 1982  
Submitted by the Department of Finance and Administration  
pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

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

8 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Soulas of Bangor.

Cosponsors: Representative Rolde of York and Senator Charette of  
Androscoggin.

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10 STATE OF MAINE

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12 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
13 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO

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15 **AN ACT to provide for the Use of Major**  
16 **Credit Cards at the Kittery Liquor Store.**

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

19 28 MRSA §53, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 741, §4,  
20 is amended to read:

21 7. Sell at retail. To sell at retail in state stores  
22 in original packages and for cash, either over the counter  
23 or by shipment to points within the State, wine, except  
24 table wine, and spirits of all kinds for consumption off the  
25 premises at state stores to be operated under the direction  
26 of the commission. All such sales shall be for cash, except  
27 that, at the one authorized special discount store, credit  
28 may be extended to the holder of a major credit card which  
29 authorizes the holder to charge goods or services.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill allows the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages to  
3 accept payment by use of major credit cards only at the spe-  
4 cial discount state store in Kittery.

5 Most sales at the Kittery store are to individual  
6 travelers, either entering or leaving the State, and most  
7 people when traveling now use credit cards. We now lose  
8 many sales at this state store because of the cash only re-  
9 quirement.

10 The State of New Hampshire accepts major credit cards  
11 and this has created a competition problem in this area.

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