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1 2	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
3	ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
5 6	Legislative Document No. 1915
7	H. P. 1933 House of Representatives, February 3, 1982 Filed by the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 18. Approved by the Legislative Council June 4, 1981.
8	Reported by Representative Cox from the Committee on Legal Affairs sent up for concurrence and 1,600 ordered printed under Joint Rules No. 18.
9	EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
10 11	STATE OF MAINE
12 13 14	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
15 16 17 18	AN ACT to Equalize the Price of Liquor Throughout the State and to Determine an Appropriate Price Level.
19	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
20 21	Sec. 1. 28 MRSA §451, first ¶, last sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 646, is repealed.
22 23	Sec. 2. 28 MRSA §451, 3rd \P , last sentence, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 307, is repealed.
24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Sec. 3. Price equalization; market study. The State Liquor Commission shall conduct a study of the market for state liquor sales with the object of determining an optimal consumers' tax rate under the Revised Statutes, Title 28, section 451, to be applied equally to sales throughout the State. The commission shall report its findings, together with appropriate legislation, to the First Regular Session of the 111th Legislature.

Sec. 4. Effective dates. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act take effect on January 1, 1983. Section 3 of this Act takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 110th Legislature.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Sections 1 and 2 of this bill repeal the provisions of Title 28, section 451, allowing the establishment of a single discount state liquor store. By virtue of section 4, no discount operation could exist as of January 1, 1983.

Section 3 requires the State Liquor Commission to conduct a market study and report to the next Legislature a recommended tax rate (presently 75%) to be applied to liquor sales in all state liquor stores.

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