

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 660

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7 S.P. 223

In Senate, February 9, 1983

8 Submitted by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to
9 Joint Rule 24.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Twitchell of Oxford.

11 Cosponsors: Senator Shute of Waldo, Representative Soucy of Kittery
and Representative LaPlante of Sabattus.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Change Price Posting Requirements
18 for Beer and Table Wine Suppliers.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 28 MRSA §680 is enacted to read:

23 §680 Posting of prices

24 All holders of certificates of approval and li-
25 censed Maine bottlers must post with the Bureau of
26 Alcoholic Beverages the F.O.B. shipping point prices
27 for which they are selling malt liquor or table wine,
28 or both, to licensed Maine wholesalers and all whole-
29 salers must post the delivered prices for which they
30 are selling malt liquor or table wine, or both, to
31 licensees. All prices posted must include deposits
32 required on returnable items, including kegs.

1 Certificate of approval holders and bottlers
2 shall give a 30-day written notice of price changes
3 to the bureau and their respective wholesalers prior
4 to the effective date and all wholesalers shall give
5 a 15-day written notice of their price changes to the
6 bureau prior to the effective date.

7 All posted prices shall be treated as confiden-
8 tial financial information, except in relation to
9 enforcement proceedings for violations of this Title.

10 STATEMENT OF FACT

11 Price postings have been required by the Bureau
12 of Alcoholic Beverages' regulations for many years.
13 The bureau has recently been advised by the Attorney
14 General's office that federal antitrust law requires
15 that price postings be accomplished by legislative
16 mandate only. This bill provides that mandate.

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