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	1 2	(New Draft of S.P. 68, L.D. 174) (New Title)							
	3 4	FIRST REGULAR SESSION							
	5	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE							
	7 8	Legislative Document No. 1592							
	9 10	S.P. 550 In Senate, May 11, 1983 Reported by Report "B" from the Committee on Health and Institutional							
ŕ	11	Services and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill presented by Senator Twitchell of Oxford.							
ţ	12	JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate							
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	14 1 5	STATE OF MAINE							
	16 17 18	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE							
	19 20 21	AN ACT to Require Signs Relating to Smoking in Retail Food Stores and Restaurants.							
	22 23	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:							
1	24	22 MRSA c. 269 is enacted to read:							
:	25	CHAPTER 269							
	26	INFORMATIONAL SIGNS RELATING TO SMOKING							
	27	§1681. Definitions							
	28 29 30	As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.							

1	1.	Res	stauran	t.	"Rest	aura	ant'	Ħ	means	any	encl	osed	
2	indoor	rest	aurant	or	other	en	clos	sed	indo	or e	stabl	ish-	
3	ment w	hich	invite	s th	e pub	lic	to	be	serve	ed	food	for	
4	consumption on the premises.												

- 2. Retail food store. "Retail food store" means any store which sells articles used for food or drink for consumption off the store's premises.
- 8 3. Smoking. "Smoking" includes being in posses-9 sion of or responsible for a lighted cigar, ciga-10 rette, pipe or any other lighted smoking equipment.

§1682. Provisions of signs

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- 12 1. Restaurants. Restaurants shall display
 13 prominently, at or near the entrance, a sign indi14 cating their policy on seating for smokers and
 15 nonsmokers and shall encourage their patrons to make
 16 their seating requests known.
- 2. Retail food stores. If they prohibit smoking in the store, retail food stores shall display prominently, at or near the entrance, a sign notifying members of the public that no smoking is allowed.

21 STATEMENT OF FACT

This new draft eliminates the requirement for provision of a no smoking area or a waiver. Instead, all restaurants are required to post their policy on providing seating for smokers and nonsmokers, allowing each group to decide whether to patronize the restaurant. Grocery stores which prohibit smoking are to post signs to that effect.

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