

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 80

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7 H.P. 62

House of Representatives, January 16, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered  
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Greenlaw of Standish.

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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT to Repeal Requirements that Agency  
18 Liquor Stores be at Least 10 Miles  
19 Apart.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 28 MRSA §153, first ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c.  
24 117, §1, is further amended to read:

25 The State Liquor Commission shall have authority  
26 to license and regulate, in cities, towns and unorga-  
27 nized territories which have voted in favor of the  
28 operation of state stores under local option provi-  
29 sions and where there are no state stores, and on is-  
30 lands which are within cities, towns and unorganized  
31 territories where there are state stores but which  
32 are not connected to those cities, towns and unorga-  
33 nized territories by bridge and which have no state  
34 stores on them, retailers as special agency stores on  
35 an annual, seasonal or temporary basis for the pur-

1 poses of selling liquor in sealed bottles, containers  
2 or original packages for consumption off the  
3 premises. The liquor shall be sold by the State Li-  
4 quor Commission, to the special agency stores pursu-  
5 ant to section 204. The commission shall not license  
6 any additional agency stores which would be within a  
7 10-mile radius of a state store or agency store. If a  
8 state or agency store closes, it may not be replaced  
9 if there is another state or agency store within a  
10 10-mile radius, except that, after the closing of any  
11 agency store which was licensed prior to December 1,  
12 1979 and which is within a 10-mile radius of a state  
13 store or another agency store, that agency store may  
14 be replaced once after December 1, 1979.

15 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 This bill eliminates a limitation on the licens-  
17 ing of agency liquor stores which would be within a  
18 10-mile radius of a state store or agency store. The  
19 bill also eliminates limitations on licensing new  
20 stores when a state or agency store closes in an ar-  
21 ea.

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