

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. 754

7 H.P. 535

House of Representatives, February 27, 1985

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

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Boutilier of Lewiston.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Brannigan of Portland, Representative
Melendy of Rockland and Representative Reeves of Pittston.

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 Concerning Retail Sales of Beer and
18 Wine.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 28 MRSA §751, last ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c.
23 741, §23, is further amended to read:

24 All retail store licensees must have and maintain
25 an adequate stock of groceries in no case less than
26 \$1,000 wholesale value or a stock of merchandise rea-
27 sonably compatible with a stock of malt liquor or ta-
28 ble wine in no case less than \$1,000 wholesale value,
29 or a combination of both in no case less than \$1,000
30 wholesale value. No merchandise shall be considered
31 to be reasonably compatible with a stock of malt li-
32 quor or table wine, for the purpose of licensing a
33 retail store, which consists of gasoline and oil;
34 used or new cars, parts or accessories; or such other
35 items of stock that may be equally incompatible in
36 nature. Compatible merchandise shall consist exclu-

1 sively of tobacco products, newspapers, greeting
2 cards and paper products. For purposes of this sec-
3 tion "groceries" includes a stock of foodstuffs and
4 other consumable products used on the premises in the
5 preparation of food for consumption on or off the
6 premises, such as sandwiches, pizzas and desserts.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 The purposes of this bill is to provide that cer-
9 tain stocks of foodstuffs and consumable products may
10 be included in a retailers stock for purposes of ob-
11 taining a retail malt liquor license.

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