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(New Draft of H.P. 269, L.D. 339)
(New Title)
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 970

House of Representatives, April 25, 1985

Reported by the Majority from the Committee on Human Resources and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill sponsored by Representative Manning of Portland. Cosponsored by Representative Pines of Limestone.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Require Notice of the Smoking
Policy in Restaurants.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

22 MRSA c. 270 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 270

SMOKING IN RESTAURANTS

§1681. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words have the following meanings.

1. Restaurant. "Restaurant" means any enclosed indoor restaurant or other enclosed indoor establish-

1 ment which invites the public to be served food for
2 consumption on the premises.

3 2. Smoking. "Smoking" includes being in posses-
4 sion of or responsible for a lighted cigar, ciga-
5 rette, pipe or any other lighted smoking equipment.

6 §1682. Notification of smoking policy

7 A restaurant owner, or his designee, shall notify
8 each patron of the policy on seating for smokers and
9 nonsmokers. This notification may be verbal or may
10 be by a sign prominently displayed at or near the en-
11 trance. The restaurant shall encourage their patrons
12 to make their seating requests known.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 This new draft replaces the original bill. It
15 deletes retail food stores and requires restaurants
16 to notify their patrons of their seating policy, ei-
17 ther verbally or by a sign. It does not require a
18 restaurant to designate a nonsmoking section.

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