

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative McSWEENEY of Old Orchard Beach.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Drinking on Public  
Streets.

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

6 17 MRSA §2003-A, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1985,  
7 c. 474, is amended to read:

8 2. Crime. A person is guilty of public drinking  
9 if:

10 A. After being forbidden to do so personally by  
11 a law enforcement officer, he drinks liquor in  
12 any public place knowing that he is not licensed  
13 or privileged to do so, unless he has been given  
14 permission to do so by the owner or authorized  
15 person; or

1 B. Within a municipality, he drinks liquor in  
2 any public place other than on state property  
3 within 150 feet of a notice posted conspicuously  
4 in the public place by the owner or authorized  
5 person which forbids drinking liquor in the pub-  
6 lic place, unless he has been given permission to  
7 do so by the owner or authorized person; or

8 C. At or on a public beach, any unauthorized  
9 person is in possession of an open container of  
10 liquor.

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 The purpose of this bill is to enlarge the defi-  
13 nition of "public drinking" to include the possession  
14 of an open container of liquor.

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