

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative GREENLAW of Standish.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT Concerning the Criteria for State
2 Licensed Liquor Stores.
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 28 MRSA §153, first ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c.
7 341, §1, is further amended to read:

8 The State Liquor Commission shall have authority
9 to license and regulate, in cities, towns and unorga-
10 nized territories which have voted in favor of the
11 operation of state stores under local option provi-
12 sions and where there are no state stores, and on is-
13 lands which are within cities, towns and unorganized
14 territories where there are state stores but which
15 are not connected to those cities, towns and unorga-
16 nized territories by bridge and which have no state

1 stores on them, retailers as special agency stores on
2 an annual, seasonal or temporary basis for the pur-
3 poses of selling liquor in sealed bottles, containers
4 or original packages for consumption off the
5 premises. The liquor shall be sold by the State Li-
6 quor Commission, to the special agency stores pursu-
7 ant to section 204. The commission shall not license
8 any additional agency stores which would be within 10
9 miles of a state store or agency store; except that
10 the commission may license such a store if the store
11 is to be located in a municipality with a population
12 of 5,000 or more. If a state or agency store closes,
13 it may not be replaced if there is another state or
14 agency store within 10 miles, except that, after the
15 closing of any agency store which was licensed prior
16 to December 1, 1979 and which is within 10 miles of a
17 state store or another agency store, that agency
18 store may be replaced once after December 1, 1979;
19 and except that the commission may license such a
20 store if the store is to be located in a municipality
21 with a population of 5,000 or more. All distances
22 shall be determined by the most reasonable direct
23 route of travel.

24 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 The purpose of this bill is to allow a municipal-
26 ity of 5,000 or more people to have more than one
27 agency or state liquor store.

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