

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document NO. 801

H.P. 590 House of Representatives, March 17, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative HEPBURN of Skowhegan.
Cosponsored by Senators TUTTLE of York, ESTES of York,
and Representative LAPOINTE of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Prohibit Open Alcoholic Beverage
2 Containers in Motor Vehicles.
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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6 17 MRSA §2003-A, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced
7 by PL 1985, 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. He operates a motor vehicle while drinking
9 liquor.

10 STATEMENT OF FACT

11 This bill makes it a Class E crime for an opera-
12 tor of a motor vehicle to have an open container of
13 liquor in that vehicle.

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