

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 436

In Senate, April 12, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

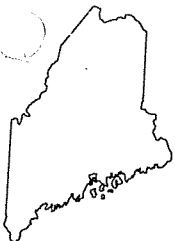
Presented by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative WENTWORTH of Wells, Representative JACQUES of Waterville and Representative PARADIS of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Limit the Sunday Closing Law.



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

3 **17 MRSA §3204, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1983, c. 480, Pt. A,**
5 **§13, is further amended to read:**

7 This section shall not apply to: The the operation or
9 maintenance of common, contract and private carriers; taxicabs;
11 airplanes; newspapers; radio and television stations; hotels,
13 motels, rooming houses, tourist and trailer camps; restaurants;
15 garages and motor vehicle service stations; retail monument
17 dealers; automatic laundries; machines that vend anything of
19 value, including, but not limited to, a product, money or
21 service; a satellite facility approved by the Superintendent of
23 Banking under Title 9-B; or comparable facility approved by the
25 appropriate federal authority; pharmacies; greenhouses; seasonal
27 stands engaged in sale of farm produce, dairy products, sea-food
29 seafood or Christmas trees; public utilities; industries normally
31 kept in continuous operations, including, but not limited to,
33 pulp and paper plants and textile plants; processing plants
35 handling agricultural produce or products of the sea; ship
37 chandleries; marinas; establishments primarily selling boats,
boating equipment, sporting equipment, souvenirs and novelties;
motion picture theatres; public dancing; sports and athletic
events; bowling alleys; displaying or exploding fireworks, under
Title 8, chapter 9; musical concerts; religious, educational,
scientific or philosophical lectures; scenic, historic,
recreational and amusement facilities; real estate brokers and
real estate salesmen; mobile home brokers and mobile home
salesmen; provided that this section shall not exempt the
businesses or facilities specified in sections 3205 and 3207 from
closing in any municipality until the requirements of those
sections have been met; and stores wherein--no--more--than--5
persons--including--the--proprietor--are--employed--in--the--usual--and
regular--conduct--of--business--stores--which--have--no--more--than--5,000
square--feet--of--interior--customer--selling--space--excluding--back
room--storage--office--and--processing--space engaged in retail sales.

39 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

41 Present law exempts retail stores from having to close on
43 Sundays and holidays if they have less than 5 employees or no
45 more than 5,000 square feet of interior customer selling space.
This bill expands the exemption to retail stores of all sizes by
giving all retail stores the option to remain open if they so
choose.