

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 20, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROTONDI of Athens.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Allow Retail Stores to Remain Open on Sundays.



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

3 **17 MRSA §3204, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 509, is
5 further amended to read:

7 No person, firm or corporation may, on the Lord's Day except
9 between the hours of noon and ~~5:00 p.m. on those Sundays falling~~
11 ~~between Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day~~ 6:00 p.m.; Memorial
13 Day, the last Monday in May, but if the Federal Government
15 designates May 30th as the date for observance of Memorial Day,
the 30th of May; July 4th; Labor Day, the first Monday of
September; Veterans' Day, November 11th; Christmas Day and
Thanksgiving Day as proclaimed by the Governor, keep open a place
of business to the public, except for works of necessity,
emergency or charity.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

21 This bill allows all stores, regardless of their size, to do
23 business on Sundays between the hours of noon and 6:00 p.m.
Current law restricts the operation of most stores with greater
25 than 5 employees or more than 5,000 square feet of selling space
to noon to 5:00 p.m. on those Sundays between Thanksgiving Day
and Christmas Day.