

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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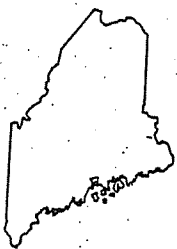
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HOGLUND of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative RUHLIN of Brewer.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Amend the Sunday Sales Laws.



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

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4 17 MRSA §3204, 2nd ¶, as amended by IB 1989, c. 2, is further amended to read:

6 This section shall does not apply to: The operation or
8 maintenance of common, contract and private carriers; taxicabs;
10 airplanes; newspapers; radio and television stations; hotels,
12 motels, rooming houses, tourist and trailer camps; restaurants;
14 garages and motor vehicle service stations; retail monument
16 dealers; automatic laundries; machines that vend anything of
18 value, including, but not limited to, a product, money or
20 service; a satellite facility approved by the Superintendent of
22 Banking under Title 9-B; or a comparable facility approved by the
24 appropriate federal authority; pharmacies; greenhouses; seasonal
26 stands engaged in sale of farm produce, dairy products, sea-feed
28 seafood or Christmas trees; public utilities; industries normally
30 kept in continuous operations, including, but not limited to,
32 pulp and paper plants and textile plants; processing plants
34 handling agricultural produce or products of the sea; ship
36 chandleries; marinas; establishments primarily selling boats,
38 boating equipment, sporting equipment, souvenirs and novelties;
40 motion picture theatres; public dancing; sports and athletic
42 events; bowling alleys; displaying or exploding fireworks, under
44 Title 8, chapter 9; musical concerts; religious, educational,
46 scientific or philosophical lectures; scenic, historic,
48 recreational and amusement facilities; real estate brokers and
real estate salesmen sales representatives; mobile home brokers
and mobile home salesmen sales representatives; provided that
this section shall does 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; 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; and stores with more than 5,000
square feet of interior customer selling space which engage in
retail sales and which do not require, as a condition of
employment, that their employees work on Sundays. ~~In no event,~~
~~however, shall any store having more than 5,000 square feet of~~
~~interior customer selling space be open on Easter Day,~~
~~Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.~~ A retail store that is
exempted from this section solely by virtue of its having more
than 5,000 square feet of interior customer selling space may not
be open before the hour of noon or after the hour of 5:00 p.m. on
Sunday and may not be open at all on Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day
and Christmas Day.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill limits the hours of operation of retail stores of more than 5,000 square feet of selling space, which were recently exempted from the Sunday sales laws, to noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays.