

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

Legislative Document

No. 1678

S.P. 630

In Senate, April 24, 1991

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.  
Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs 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 MILLS of Oxford  
Cosponsored by Representative LAWRENCE of Kittery.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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An Act to Prohibit the Closing of State Liquor Stores.

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(AFTER DEADLINE)



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

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3 28-A MRSA §402, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,  
4 §4, is amended to read:

6 6. Commission not to close state stores. The commission  
7 shall ~~may~~ not close any state liquor store unless ~~it notifies the~~  
8 ~~joint-standing-committee-of-the-Legislature-have-jurisdiction~~  
9 ~~over-legal-affairs-at-least-60-days-before-the-effective-date-of~~  
10 ~~the-closing. The-legislative-committee-may-hold-a-public-hearing~~  
11 ~~on-the-proposed-closing-and-advise-the-commission-of-its-findings.~~

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15 STATEMENT OF FACT

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17 This bill prohibits the State Liquor Commission from closing  
18 state liquor stores. If the commission intends to close a store,  
19 it would be required to submit legislation to exempt the closure  
20 from the operation of this law. This process allows the  
21 Legislature to have a stronger voice in the decision to close  
22 stores than under current law. Current law only permits the  
23 Legislature to advise the commission on whether to close a state  
24 liquor store.