

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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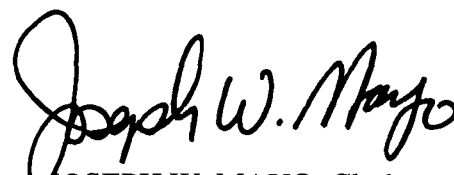
H.P. 127

House of Representatives, January 20, 1995

**An Act to Require that Employees in 24-Hour Convenience Stores Have  
Access to Telephones and Alarms.**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TOWNSEND of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec and  
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BERRY of Livermore, DORE of Auburn, GOULD of  
Greenville, HATCH of Skowhegan, LIBBY of Buxton, RICKER of Lewiston, ROBICHAUD  
of Caribou, ROSEBUSH of East Millinocket, ROWE of Portland, SAMSON of Jay, SHIAH  
of Bowdoinham, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, RAND of  
Cumberland, RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

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**Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §3321, sub-§§2 and 3,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 123, are amended to read:

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**2. Conspicuous sign.** A conspicuous sign in the store entrance that states that between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. the cash register contains \$50 or less, that there is a safe in the store and that the safe is not accessible to the employees; and

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**3. Limited cash.** During the hours of 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., no more than \$50 cash available and readily accessible to employees; and

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**Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §3321, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

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**4. Accessible telephone and alarm.** An alarm and telephone within easy reach of an employee working at the cash register. The alarm must be connected to a public or private safety agency.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill requires that in order for a convenience store to stay open 24 hours a day it must have a telephone and an alarm within reach of an employee working at the cash register.

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