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No. 558

S.P. 216

In Senate, February 14, 1995

An Act to Allow Certain Retail Car Dealers to Sell Automobiles on Sunday.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: BUCK of Yarmouth.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §3203,** as amended by PL 1979, c. 127, §124,
5 is further amended to read:

6 **§3203. Sunday sales of motor vehicles limited**

7 Any person who ~~shall--carry--on--or--engage~~ engages in the
8 business of buying, selling, exchanging, dealing or trading in
9 new or used motor vehicles, or who ~~shall--open~~ opens any place of
10 business or lot ~~wherein--he~~ where that person attempts to or does
11 engage in the business of buying, selling, exchanging, dealing or
12 trading in new or used motor vehicles, or who does buy, sell,
13 exchange, deal or trade in new or used motor vehicles as a
14 business on the first day of the week, commonly known and
15 designated as Sunday, is a disorderly person. Such a disorderly
16 person upon conviction for the first offense ~~shall--be--punished--by~~
17 is subject to a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for
18 not more than 10 days, or by both, and for the 2nd offense ~~shall~~
19 be--punished--by is subject to a fine of not more than \$500 or by
20 imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both, and for the
21 3rd or each subsequent offense ~~shall--be--punished--by~~ is subject to
22 a fine of not more than \$750 or by imprisonment for not more than
23 6 months, or by both. If the person is the holder of dealer or
24 transporter registration plates under ~~Title--29,--chapter--5,~~
25 ~~subchapter--III--A~~ Title 29-A, chapter 9, such that person shall-be
26 is subject to the suspension or revocation of said those plates,
27 as provided for in Title 29 29-A, section ~~350-A,~~ 903, subsection
28 1, paragraph H, for the violation of this section.

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30 A person otherwise subject to this section who operates a
31 motor vehicle dealership in which the operation, including
32 service garage, office and indoor and outdoor sales space, does
33 not exceed 20,000 square feet and who regularly closes that
34 dealership on a day other than Sunday because of religious belief
35 may operate that business on Sunday.

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38 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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40 This bill allows motor vehicle dealerships that are under
41 20,000 square feet to remain open on Sunday provided the
42 dealership regularly closes on a day other than Sunday because of
43 the religious beliefs of the dealer.
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