

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 2090

H.P. 1458

House of Representatives, March 30, 1999

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

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, MENDROS of Lewiston, POVICH of Ellsworth, SIROIS of Caribou, TOWNSEND of Portland, TRIPP of Topsham, Senator: KONTOS of Cumberland.

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

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

6 **2. Conspicuous sign.** A conspicuous sign in the store  
8 entrance that states that between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.  
10 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

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

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

18 **4. Accessible telephone or alarm.** An alarm or telephone  
20 within the store that is accessible to the employees. The alarm  
must be connected to a public or private safety agency.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill prohibits a convenience store from remaining open  
26 24 hours a day unless there is an alarm or telephone in the store  
accessible to the employees.