

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1185

House of Representatives, March 23, 2007

### **An Act To Allow Stores under 10,000 Square Feet To Be Open on Certain Holidays**

(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, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative COTTA of China.  
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec and  
Representatives: BOLAND of Sanford, CRAY of Palmyra, HAYES of Buckfield, LANSLEY  
of Sabattus, WEAVER of York, WEDDELL of Frankfort, Senator: WESTON of Waldo.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §3204, sub-§2, ¶HH**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. I, §55  
3 and as affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

4 HH. Stores with more than 5,000 square feet of interior customer selling space that  
5 engage in retail sales and that do not require, as a condition of employment, that their  
6 employees work on Sundays. If an employer decreases the average weekly work  
7 hours of an employee who has declined to work on Sundays, it is prima facie  
8 evidence that the employer has required Sunday work as a condition of employment  
9 in violation of this section, unless the employer and employee agreed that the  
10 employee would work on Sundays when the employee was initially hired. In no  
11 event, however, may any store having more than ~~5,000~~ 10,000 square feet of interior  
12 customer selling space be open on Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas  
13 Day.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill allows stores having under 10,000 square feet of interior customer selling  
16 space to be open on Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The current  
17 maximum is 5,000 square feet.