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House of Representatives, November 6, 1934.

Received out of order under suspension of rules. Referred to Committee on Temperance. Sent up for concurrence and 1,000 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Breen of Lewiston.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-
FOUR

AN ACT Relating to the Regulation and Control of the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Beverages.

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

State commission. The state commission is hereby created consisting of three members who shall be appointed for a term of three years to supervise the liquor traffic, exercise a veto power over the act of the chartered corporation herein as referred to, formulate and enforce rules and regulations inconsistent with the law for the control of the liquor traffic; employ auditors, inspectors and other employees necessary.

Sale corporation. All liquor sold within the state shall be handled by two corporations especially chartered by the state legislature, which corporations shall have a monopoly of the liquor business within the area designated by the state commission. The chartered corporations shall exercise all the functions ordinarily exercised by business corporates. These corporates shall be limited in their return on the profit derived from the sale of liquor to not more than ten percent of the amount of their actual cash investment. These stockholders of the chartered corporate may elect their own officers and fix their salaries subject to the approval of the state com-

mission. The managing corporate officers shall be residents of the State of Maine for a period of not less than three years. The sale or exchange of corporate stocks shall be invalid until approved by the state commission and establish warehouses for shipping purposes in such places as may be distributed. The state corporate may establish retail stores wherever approved by the state commission and not prohibited by voting under the local option provided hereof. The profits in excess of ten percent shall revert to the state to be appropriated as the legislature elects.