

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1363

House of Representatives, February 12, 1935.

Referred to Committee on Temperance, sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Philbrick of Cape Elizabeth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Define the Powers of the State Liquor Commission.

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

Sec. 1. Powers and duties. The state liquor commission shall have general supervision of the business of manufacturing, importing, exporting, storing, transporting and selling liquor and shall have power to issue, renew, suspend, and revoke all licenses and to hold hearings. It may refuse to issue licenses to persons including individuals, corporations, associations or partnerships who have been convicted or whose officers have been convicted of a breach of any state or federal law relating to the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquor. The commission shall have exclusive power to import spirits and may import malt liquor and wines and may sell and shall control the sale of all liquor. It shall have power to remove employees for cause.

Sec. 2. Regulations. The commission shall have the right to establish regulations for clarifying, carrying out, enforcing and preventing violation of all or any of the laws pertaining to liquor and such regulations shall have the force and effect of law unless and until set aside by some court of competent jurisdiction or revoked by the commission. The commission shall have power by regulation to shorten the permissible hours of sale in state stores and to prevent the sale by licensees of wine and spirits to

minors or persons under the influence of liquor. The commission shall at least annually on or before June 30th of each year publish in a convenient pamphlet form all regulations then in force and shall furnish copies of such pamphlets to every licensee authorized by law to sell liquor.

Sec. 3. Special stores. In cities or towns which vote in favor of the operation of state stores under local option provisions and where there is no state store, the commission shall have authority to establish special or temporary stores, to sell in such cities or towns liquor in sealed bottles, containers or original packages for consumption off the premises in such place and under such regulations as the commission may determine.

Sec. 4. Repeal. Section 6 of chapter 301 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby repealed.