

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Reported by Mr. Oliver from Committee on Temperance. On motion of the same gentleman tabled pending acceptance of report. New draft ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIVE

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

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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, transportation 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 within 10 years next prior to the filing of his or its application. The commission shall have power to import spirits and wines and shall have exclusive control of the sale of all liquors. 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 be occupied exclusively for the purpose in such cities or towns, to sell liquor in sealed bottles, containers or original packages for consumption off the premises under such regulations as the commission may determine.

**Sec. 4. Railroad dining cars.** The provisions of section 5 of chapter 301 of the public laws of 1933 shall not apply to liquors sold in railroad dining cars moving in interstate commerce.

**Sec. 5. Repeal.** Section 6 of chapter 301 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby repealed.