

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## Legislative Document

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S. P. 209

In Senate, February 10, 1953

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Haskell of Penobscot.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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### AN ACT Relating to Keeping Open of Grocery Stores on Sunday.

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

**R. S., c. 121, § 39, amended.** Section 39 of chapter 121 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows :

**'Sec. 39. Business, traveling and recreation on the Lord's Day.** Whoever, on the Lord's Day, keeps open his shop, workhouse, warehouse or place of business; travels; does any work, labor or business on that day, except works of necessity or charity; uses any sport, game or recreation; or is present at any dancing, public diversion, show or entertainment, encouraging the same, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to the operation of common carriers; to the driving of taxicabs and public carriages; to the operation of airplanes; to the driving of private automobiles or other vehicles; to the printing and selling of Sunday newspapers; to the keeping open of hotels, restaurants, garages, **grocery stores** and drug stores; to the selling of gasoline; or to the giving of scientific, philosophical, religious or educational lectures, or to musical concerts or theatrical productions.'