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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Sunday Sales of Liquor by Hotels and Clubs.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 61, § 27, amended. Section 27 of chapter 61 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27. Sale on certain days and hours. No liquor shall be sold in this State ~~on Sundays or~~ on the day of holding a general election or state-wide primary and no licensee by himself, clerk, servant or agent shall between the hours of midnight and 6 A.M. sell or deliver any liquors, except no liquors shall be sold or delivered on Saturdays after 11:45 P.M.; provided, however, that liquor may be sold on January 1st of any year from midnight to 2 A.M. unless January 1st falls on Sunday; provided further, however, that the Commission by rule and regulation may set hours for sale which will give effect to daylight saving time during times when the same is in effect. **No liquor shall be sold in this State on Sundays except that, subject to all the other provisions of this chapter, licensed clubs may sell liquor on Sundays between the hours of 1 P.M. and 8 P.M. licensed hotels may sell liquor with meals in their dining rooms on Sundays between the hours of 1 P.M. and 8 P.M. No Except as herein provided, no licensee shall permit the consumption of liquors on his premises on Sundays or after 15 minutes past the hours prohibited for sale thereof, except by bona fide guests in their rooms. No liquor shall be sold in this State on May 30 prior to 12 noon Eastern Standard Time.**

Any licensee by himself, clerk, servant or agent who sells liquor on Sunday, **except as hereinabove provided,** shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, and costs, and a penalty of not less than 2 months nor

more than 6 months, in jail, at the discretion of the court; and in default of fine and costs an additional penalty by imprisonment for 6 months. Any clerk, servant, agent or other person in the employment of a licensee, who violates or in any manner aids or assists in violating the law relating to Sunday sale of liquor, shall suffer like penalties.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 61, § 2, sub-§§ V-A and V-B, additional. Section 2 of chapter 61 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after subsection V. 2 new subsections to be numbered V-A and V-B, to read as follows:

V-A. Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the sale herein of liquor to be consumed on the premises of a club on Sundays between the hours of 1 P.M. and 8 P.M. ?

V-B. Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the sale herein of liquor to be consumed on the premises of hotels with meals in their dining rooms on Sundays between the hours of 1 P.M. and 8 P.M. ?'