

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1979-80	1980-81
AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF		
All Other	\$1,000	\$1,000

Effective September 14, 1979

## CHAPTER 449

H. P. 1440 — L. D. 1642

### AN ACT to Clarify Equivalent Instruction as an Alternative to Compulsory Education.

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

20 MRSA § 911, sub-§ 3, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 499, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**3. Equivalent instruction; appeal to commissioner.**

A. A child shall be excused from attending a public day school if he obtains equivalent instruction in a private school or in any other manner arranged for by the school committee or the board of directors and if the equivalent instruction is approved by the commissioner.

B. If any request to be excused is denied by a local school committee or board of directors, an appeal may be filed with the commissioner. The commissioner shall review the request to be excused to determine whether the local school committee or board of directors has been correct in its finding that no equivalent instruction is available. If the commissioner finds that equivalent instruction is available to the child, he shall approve the request to be excused.

Effective September 14, 1979

## CHAPTER 450

H. P. 66 — L. D. 74

### AN ACT to Permit Store Owners to Limit the Number of Containers they will Accept from a Single Person or Group at One Time.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the current law requiring dealers to accept an unlimited number of returnable beverage containers from any one person creates severe problems for many store owners with respect to cash flow, storage space and personnel; and

Whereas, the current law imposes an especially unfair burden on smaller dealers who are, in the aforementioned respects, less able to handle unlimited numbers of returnables; and

Whereas, this burden may pose an immediate threat to the livelihood of some smaller dealers; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

32 MRSA § 1866, sub-§ 2-A is enacted to read:

**2-A. Limitation or number of returnables accepted.** A dealer may limit the total number of beverage containers which he will accept from any one consumer or other person in any one business day to 240 containers, or any other number greater than 240.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 15, 1979

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## CHAPTER 451

H. P. 121 — L. D. 138

**AN ACT Concerning Remedies under the Unfair Trade Practices Statutes.**

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

5 MRSA § 213, sub-§ 1, as amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 13, is further amended