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House of Representatives, March 11, 2015

An Act To Allow Grocery Stores under 10,000 Square Feet To Be Open on Sundays

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GILLWAY of Searsport.
Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and
Representatives: CHACE of Durham, EDGECOMB of Fort Fairfield, LYFORD of Eddington,
WARD of Dedham, WHITE of Washburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §3204, sub-§2, ¶¶GG and HH,** as enacted by PL 2003, c.
3 452, Pt. I, §55 and affected by Pt. X, §2, are amended to read:

4 GG. Stores that have no more than 5,000 square feet of interior customer selling
5 space, excluding back room storage, office and processing space; ~~and~~

6 HH. Stores with more than 5,000 square feet of interior customer selling space that
7 engage in retail sales and that do not require, as a condition of employment, that their
8 employees work on Sundays. If an employer decreases the average weekly work
9 hours of an employee who has declined to work on Sundays, it is prima facie
10 evidence that the employer has required Sunday work as a condition of employment
11 in violation of this section, unless the employer and employee agreed that the
12 employee would work on Sundays when the employee was initially hired. In no
13 event, however, may any store having more than 5,000 square feet of interior
14 customer selling space be open on Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas
15 Day; and

16 **Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §3204, sub-§2, ¶II** is enacted to read:

17 II. Grocery stores that have no more than 10,000 square feet of interior customer
18 selling space, excluding back room storage, office and processing space.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill exempts grocery stores that have no more than 10,000 square feet of interior
21 customer selling space, excluding back room storage, office and processing space, from
22 the law prohibiting a place of business from being open on Sundays.