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House of Representatives, March 26, 2013

An Act To Allow Stores under 10,000 Square Feet To Be Open on Certain Holidays

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

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Presented by Representative JOHNSON of Eddington.
Cosponsored by Senator YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot and
Representatives: BENNETT of Kennebunk, CAMPBELL of Orrington, GILLWAY of
Searsport, PEASE of Morrill, PEAVEY HASKELL of Milford, TURNER of Burlington.

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

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

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

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill allows stores having under 10,000 square feet of interior customer selling
16 space to be open on Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The current
17 maximum is 5,000 square feet.