

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

H.P. 465 - L.D. 684

**An Act To Amend the Authorized Hours during Which Liquor May Be Sold
and Purchased**

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §4, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §5, is further amended to read:

1. Hours for sale of liquor. Except as provided in paragraphs ~~A to B~~ and D, licensees may sell or deliver liquor from 5 a.m. on any day until 1 a.m. of the following day.

~~A. Licensees may not sell liquor on Sunday between the hours of 5 a.m. and 9 a.m., except on March 17th, when a licensee may sell liquor beginning at 6 a.m.~~

B. Licensees may sell liquor on January 1st of any year from 12 midnight to 2 a.m.

(1) In areas in which liquor may be sold except on Sundays, if January 1st falls on a Monday, licensees may sell or deliver liquor between 9 p.m. Sunday, December 31st and 2 a.m. January 1st, notwithstanding any local option decisions to the contrary.

D. Wholesale licensees may sell or deliver liquor to licensed establishments from 4 a.m. on any day until 1 a.m. the following day.

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §4, sub-§§5 and 6, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, are repealed.

Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §353, as amended by PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §14 and affected by §36, is further amended to read:

§353. Business hours

Agency liquor stores may be open for the sale and delivery of spirits and fortified wine between the hours of ~~6~~ 5 a.m. and 1 a.m. in municipalities and unincorporated places that have voted in favor of the operation of agency liquor stores under local option

provisions. Notwithstanding any local option decisions to the contrary, agency liquor stores may be open from 9 5 a.m. Sunday to 1 a.m. the next day.

Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §353-A, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. B, §1 and affected by §6, is amended to read:

§353-A. Business hours

Agency liquor stores may be open for the sale and delivery of spirits as provided in section 4, subsection 1 in municipalities and unincorporated places that have voted in favor of the operation of agency liquor stores under local option provisions. Notwithstanding any local option decisions to the contrary ~~and except as provided by section 4, subsection 1, paragraph A~~, agency liquor stores may be open from 9 5 a.m. Sunday to 1 a.m. the following day.

Sec. 5. 28-A MRSA §1077, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 1997, c. 656, §3, is further amended to read:

C. A vessel licensed to sell liquor under this section may sell liquor on Sundays only between the hours of 9:00 5 a.m. and ~~midnight~~ 1 a.m. the following day on inland waters and when operated within the 3-mile limit on coastal waters.

Sec. 6. 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§2, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 629, §22, is amended to read:

E. A licensee may serve complimentary samples of liquor on Sunday after the hour of 9 5 a.m. and may sell liquor on Sunday after the hour of 9 5 a.m. if the municipality in which the licensed premises is located has authorized the sale of liquor on Sunday for consumption off the premises under chapter 5.