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An Act To Extend the Hours for the Sale of Liquor on Sunday When St. Patrick's Day Is on a Sunday

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative HOBBINS of Saco. Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: CAREY of Lewiston, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, RUSSELL of Portland, Senator: TUTTLE of York.

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- 3 **Whereas,** this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day 4 period in order to enhance business opportunities for establishments in connection with 5 the upcoming observance of St. Patrick's Day; and
- 6 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 7 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 8 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 9 therefore,
- 10 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 11 Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §4, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 1995, c. 159, §1, is 12 further amended to read:
- A. Licensees may not sell liquor on Sunday between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 a.m.,
 except on March 17th.
- 15 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
 16 legislation takes effect when approved.
- 17 SUMMARY
- 18 Current law prohibits the sale of liquor on Sunday between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9
 19 a.m. This bill provides that this prohibition does not apply when St. Patrick's Day, March
 20 17th, falls on a Sunday.