**An Act to Promote Free Trade by Preventing Municipalities from Prohibiting the Sale of Legal Goods**

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

**Sec.** **1. 30-A MRSA c. 183, sub-c. 9** is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER** **9**

**RESTRICTIONS ON THE SALE OF GOODS AND SERVICES**

**§****3991.** **Restrictions prohibited**

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a municipality may not:

**1.** **Prohibit legal sale of goods or services.** Prohibit a business, entity or individual licensed to operate within that municipality from selling any product or offering any service that is otherwise permitted under state law; or

**2.** **Unduly restrict business.** Except when explicitly authorized by statute, restrict the operation or licensure of a business or entity planning to operate within that municipality based on the type of products or services that the business or entity plans to provide.

**SUMMARY**

This bill prevents a municipality from prohibiting a business, entity or individual from selling any product or offering any service that is otherwise permitted under state law and also prohibits a municipality from restricting the operation or licensure of a business or entity within that municipality based on the type of products or services that the business or entity plans to provide unless municipalities are provided with the authority to restrict that type of business or entity under state law.