



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Department of Environmental Protection Regarding the State's Container Redemption Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,250,000
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,250,000)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill implements the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recommendations regarding the State's beverage container redemption laws as included in the DEP's annual report on the State's product stewardship programs. The recommendations include; increasing the annual license fee for redemption centers from \$50 to \$100, creating specific responsibilities of initiators of deposit regarding container pick-ups, clarification of the rules regarding commingling agreements, a requirement that all initiators of deposit enter into a commingling agreement by January 1, 2023, clarification of the licensing requirements for redemption centers and adding new reporting requirements for initiators of deposit and redemption centers.

Under current law, unclaimed deposits for redeemable beverage containers not subject to a commingling agreement are turned over to the State and eventually are credited to the General Fund. A requirement that all initiators of deposit enter into a commingling agreement would reduce General Fund revenue by approximately \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 and by \$2,500,000 annually afterward. An increase to the annual license fee for redemption centers will increase Other Special Revenue Funds revenue. The amount of increase is not expected to be significant.