



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1628

LR 2466(05)

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

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-461)

S "A" (S-347) to C "A" (H-461)

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds
Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

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.

Any additional costs to the DEP as a result of this bill are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Any additional Other Special Revenue Funds revenue from an increase to the annual license fee for redemption centers is not expected to be significant.