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Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Estimate the Annual Value of Uncollected Bottle Deposits, Fraud and Total Costs under Maine's Bottle Bill'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1 Unclaimed deposits. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall, in conjunction with other state agencies and 3rd-party administrators of beverage container commingling agreements that have knowledge of unclaimed beverage container deposits, estimate the unclaimed beverage container deposits that revert each year to the State and to beverage distributors; and be it further

Sec. 2 Redemption fraud. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall estimate the total number of beverage containers that are illegally redeemed in the State each year; and be it further

Sec. 3 Total costs. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall estimate the total annual costs to Maine's beverage distributors to fulfill their obligations under Maine's beverage container deposit law; and be it further

Sec. 4 Reporting date established. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall report its findings and any recommendations based on the estimates developed pursuant to this resolve to the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development no later than January 15, 2008. The Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development is authorized to submit legislation concerning this report to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment replaces the resolve and directs the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, in conjunction with other state agencies and 3rd-party administrators of beverage container commingling agreements that have knowledge of unclaimed beverage deposits, to estimate the unclaimed beverage container deposits that revert each year to the State and to beverage distributors. It also directs the department to estimate the total number of beverage containers that are illegally redeemed in the State each year and the total annual costs to Maine's beverage distributors to fulfill their obligations under Maine's beverage container deposit law. It also directs the department to report its findings and any recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development no later than January 15, 2008 and authorizes the committee to submit legislation concerning this report to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

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Amendment C "A", Filing Number H-195

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)