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An Act To Increase the Redemption Fee on Sorting and Handling

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1866, sub-§4, ¶A, as amended by PL 2003, c. 499, §6, is further amended to read:

A. In addition to the payment of the refund value, the initiator of the deposit under section 1863-A, subsections 1, 2 and 4 shall reimburse the dealer or local redemption center for the cost of handling beverage containers subject to section 1863-A, in an amount that equals at least ~~3¢~~5¢ per returned container for containers picked up by the initiator ~~before March 1, 2004~~ and at least ~~3 1/2¢~~ for containers picked up on or after March 1, 2004. The initiator of the deposit may reimburse the dealer or local redemption center directly or indirectly through a party with which it has entered into a commingling agreement.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1866, sub-§4, ¶B, as corrected by RR 2003, c. 1, §34, is amended to read:

B. In addition to the payment of the refund value, the initiator of the deposit under section 1863-A, subsection 3 shall reimburse the dealer or local redemption center for the cost of handling beverage containers subject to section 1863-A in an amount that equals at least ~~3¢~~5¢ per returned container for containers picked up by the initiator ~~before March 1, 2004~~ and at least ~~3 1/2¢~~ for containers picked up on or after March 1, 2004. The initiator of the deposit may reimburse the dealer or local redemption center directly or indirectly through a contracted agent or through a party with which it has entered into a commingling agreement.

SUMMARY

This bill increases the reimbursement to dealers or local redemption centers from 3¢ and 3 1/2¢ to 5¢ per returned container.