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An Act To Increase the Bottle Redemption Deposit

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: MATLACK of St. George, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: LIBBY of
Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §3103, sub-§§1 to 3**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14, are
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Refillable containers.** For refillable beverage containers, except wine and spirits
5 containers, the manufacturer shall determine the deposit and refund value according to
6 the type, kind and size of the beverage container. The deposit and refund value may not
7 be less than ~~5¢~~ 25¢.

8 **2. Nonrefillable containers; exclusive distributorships.** For nonrefillable beverage
9 containers, except wine and spirits containers, sold through geographically exclusive
10 distributorships, the distributor shall determine and initiate the deposit and refund value
11 according to the type, kind and size of the beverage container. The deposit and refund
12 value may not be less than ~~5¢~~ 25¢.

13 **3. Nonrefillable containers; nonexclusive distributorships.** For nonrefillable
14 beverage containers, except wine and spirits containers, not sold through geographically
15 exclusive distributorships, the deposit and refund value may not be less than ~~5¢~~ 25¢.

16 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §3105, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14, is amended
17 to read:

18 **4. Brand name.** Refillable glass beverage containers of carbonated beverages, for
19 which the deposit is initiated under section 3103, subsection 1, that have a refund value of
20 not less than ~~5¢~~ 25¢ and a brand name permanently marked on the container are not
21 required to comply with subsection 1. The exception provided by this subsection does
22 not apply to glass beverage containers that contain spirits, wine or malt liquor as those
23 terms are defined by Title 28-A, section 2.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill increases to 25¢ the deposit and refund value on refillable and nonrefillable
26 beverage containers whose deposit and refund value is currently 5¢. This increase does
27 not apply to wine and spirits containers.