

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 366

House of Representatives, February 9, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rolde of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Improve the Efficiency and Operation of Redemption Centers for
Returnable Containers.**

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

32 MRSA § 1866, sub-§ 4, an enacted by PL 1975, c. 739, § 16, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4. Reimbursement by distributor. In addition to the payment of the refund value, the distributor shall reimburse the dealer or local redemption centers for the cost of handling beverage containers, in an amount which equals at least 1¢ per returned container. Distributors shall provide payment for the refund value and cost of handling to dealers or redemption centers within 15 business days after receiving the containers.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Presently, some distributors are withholding reimbursement for returnable containers from grocers and local redemption centers for unnecessarily long periods. This creates a severe cash flow problem for the dealers and redemption centers. This bill provides that such payments are to be made within 15 business days.