

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 74

H. P. 66

House of Representatives, January 10, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cox of Brewer.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Permit Store Owners to Limit the Hours During which they will
Accept Returnable Beverage Containers and to Permit them to Limit the
Number of Containers they will Accept from a Single Person or Group at One
Time.**

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

32 MRSA § 1866, sub-§§ 2-A and 2-B are enacted to read:

2-A. Limitation on hours for returning containers. A dealer may limit the business hours during which he will accept returned beverage containers, if the hours during which beverage containers will be accepted are conspicuously posted in the place of business of the dealer and if the total hours during which beverage containers may be returned totals at least 40 hours per week.

2-B. Limitation on the number of containers accepted. A dealer may limit the total number of returnable beverage containers which he will accept from any one consumer or other person in one business day to 245 containers, or any other number greater than 245.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit store owners to set hours during which they will accept returnable containers. The store shall post the hours and shall accept containers during at least 40 hours each week.

The bill also permits store owners to limit the number of containers they will accept from any consumer in one day to 245 containers.