

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 75

H. P. 69

House of Representatives, January 10, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Conary of Oakland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Allow Dealers to Restrict the Hours during which they will Accept
Returnable Beverage Containers.**

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

32 MRSA § 1866, sub-§ 5 is enacted to read:

5. Hours of operation. Containers shall be redeemed during no fewer than 40 hours per week during the regular operating hours of the establishment. If containers are not redeemed during all regular hours of operation, the hours during which containers will be redeemed shall be posted in a conspicuous place.

STATEMENT OF FACT

In some, particularly small grocery or variety stores, container redemption is very difficult during certain parts of the day. Examples include meal serving times or evening periods when only a single employee is in the store. This bill would permit stores to limit the redemption hours but would require the stores to redeem containers during at least 40 of the regular operating hours.