

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 986

H. P. 786

House of Representatives, March 5, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Howe of South Portland, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Hutchings of Lincolnville.

Cosponsors: Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth and Mrs. Post of Owls Head.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Encourage the Acceptance by Distributors of Beverage Containers.

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

32 MRSA § 1866, sub-§§ 3 and 4, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 739, § 16, are amended to read:

3. Distributor acceptance. A distributor shall not refuse to accept from any dealer **at the same location at which the distributor delivers the beverage container to the dealer** or local redemption center any empty, unbroken and reasonably clean beverage container of the kind, size and brand sold by the distributor or refuse to pay to the dealer or local redemption center the refund value of a beverage container as established by section 1863.

4. Reimbursement by distributor. In addition to the payment of the refund value, the distributor shall reimburse the dealer or local redemption center for the cost of handling beverage containers, in an amount which equals at least 1¢ per returned container, **except that when the dealer's place of business is an island unconnected by a bridge or causeway and the dealer must transport empty beverage containers to the mainland for pickup by the distributor, the distributor shall reimburse the dealer in an amount which equals at least 2¢ per returned container.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires distributors to pick up empty containers where he delivers them; also it provides an increased handling charge when the transportation for the dealer is costly.