

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1267

S. P. 411

In Senate, March 16, 1979

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

Presented by Senator Najarian of Cumberland.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Amend the Returnable Beverage Container Statute to Provide for a 2¢
Handling Charge for Returnable Bottles.**

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

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

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¢~~ **2¢** per returned container.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill increases the handling charge for returnable bottles from 1¢ to 2¢ in order to more adequately compensate retailers for their time and labor and to encourage the establishment of redemption centers.