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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-936)
109TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1973, L.D. 2012, Bill, "AN ACT
Increasing the Minimum Handling Fee for Returnable Beverage
Containers from 1¢ to 2¢."

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and
inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT Increasing the Minimum Handling Fee for Returnable
Beverage Containers from 1¢ to 20% of Container Refund Value.'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

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is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4. Reimbursement by distributor. In addition to the pay-
ment 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 20% of the
refund value per returned container.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to change the handling charge
for returnable containers from 1¢ to 20% of the container's deposit.
This change will benefit both grocery stores and redemption centers
by increasing the handling charge.

Introduced by Mr. Swadosky of Fairfield
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