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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" 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 inserting at the end of the Title,
before the period, the following:

'and to Extend Coverage of the Returnable Beverage Statutes
to Beverages Sold in a Bottle or Can Containing no More than
18 Ounces'

Further amend the Bill by inserting after the enacting
clause the following:

'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1862, sub-§§1 and 2, as enacted
by PL 1975, c. 739, §16, are amended to read:

1. Beverage. "Beverage" means beer, ale or other drink
produced by fermenting malt, soda water or other nonalcoholic
carbonated drink, or nonalcoholic noncarbonated drink, in liquid
form and intended for human consumption, but does not include
fruit juice, as defined in 21 CFR §145 (3), or milk products.

2. Beverage container. "Beverage container" means
a glass, metal or plastic bottle, can, jar or other container,
except paper containers, which has been sealed by a manufacturer
and which, at the time of sale, contains 18 ounces or less of
a beverage if the beverage is a nonalcoholic noncarbonated drink
in liquid form or contains one gallon or less of a beverage

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if the beverage is beer, ale or other drink produced by fermenting malt, soda water or other nonalcoholic carbonated drink in liquid form.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 2.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to extend coverage of the bottle law to other beverages.

Filed by Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth
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