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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
109TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE 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 1 1/4¢ and to Provide for Payment to the State of the Interest Earned on Moneys Held for Unredeemed Containers.'

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

'Sec. 1. 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¢~~ 1 1/4¢ per returned container.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1866-A is enacted to read:

§1866-A. Special refund value accounts

The refund value received from a dealer by a distributor, as a deposit on any beverage container having a refund value, shall be placed by the distributor in a special refund value account in

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a financial institution. The distributor shall use the money from this account to pay to a dealer or local redemption center the refund value of any beverage container returned to the distributor. Interest accrued on money placed in the special refund value account shall be transmitted to the Commissioner ← → on a monthly basis and shall be paid by the commissioner to the Treasurer of State to become part of the General Fund. The distributor may withdraw from the principal amount contained in the special refund value account, an amount not exceeding 10% of the principal in any calendar year to use for any purpose.)

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide that the handling fee shall be 1 1/4 ¢. The amendment also requires distributors to hold the deposits in a special account and to pay the interest from this account to the Department of Agriculture monthly.

(O'Leary)
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COUNTY: Oxford

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