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2. <u>Beverage container</u>. "Beverage container" means a glass, metal or plastic bottle, can, jar or other container which has been sealed by a manufacturer and which, at the time of sale, contains 24 ounces or less of a fruit, imitation fruit, vegetable or tea drink or one gallon or less of a any other beverage.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

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Maine's returnable deposit law has had the positive effects of solid waste reduction, lessening roadside litter and promoting conservation of natural resources. It has provided a financial incentive return beer and carbonated beverage containers so that they might be reused or recycled. The purpose of this bill is to extend these positive effects by expanding Maine's returnable deposit law to apply to other beverage containers which are serious litter problems. Since the original returnable deposit was enacted, there has been extensive marketing of containers not covered by the law. This bill addresses this circumstance by extending the law's coverage specifically to fruit, imitation fruit, vegetable and tea drinks in containers up to 24 ounces in size and are made of such nonbiodegradeable materials as glass, metals and plastic.

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