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1 2 3	(New Draft of H.P. 1492, L.D. 2103) SECOND REGULAR SESSION
4 5	ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
6 7	Legislative Document No. 2348
8 9	H.P. 1667 House of Representatives, April 8, 1986 Reported by the Report A from the Committee on Business and Commerce and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill submitted by the
10	Joint Standing Committee on Business and Commerce as approved by the Legislative Council on June 18, 1985.
11	EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
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15	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 17	NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
18 19 20 21	AN ACT Relating to Handling Fees and Unredeemed Deposits in the Returnable Container Law.
22 23	Be it enacted by the Feople of the State of Maine as follows:
24 25	Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1866, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1979, c. 735, is further amended to read:
26 27 28 29 30 31 32	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 20 2 1/4¢ per returned container or an amount set by the commissioner pursuant to section 1872.
33 34	Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §§1872 and 1873 are enacted to read:

§1872. Handling fee

The commissioner shall determine increases or decreases in the handling fee by adopting rules pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II. By July 31st of each year, the commissioner shall apply the consumer price index to the handling fee using 1986 and 2 1/4¢ as the beginning point. No increase or decrease shall be set in increments of less than 1/4¢.

§1873. Unredeemed deposits

By January 1st of each year, the commissioner shall estimate the total amount of unredeemed deposits and shall report this amount to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and commerce.

This amount is to be estimated from records currently held by the State or other information voluntarily given.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This new draft gives an increase of 1/4¢ right now. It also removes the minimum handling fee so it could possibly go below 2¢ in the future. The new draft reworks the unredeemed deposit section to make it clear that there is no reporting requirement.

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