

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1648 House of Representatives, February 12, 1988

Approved for introduction by a majority of the  
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation  
suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ALLEN of Washington.

Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and  
Representative GURNEY of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

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1 AN ACT to Annually Adjust Handling Fees on  
2 Returnable Beverage Containers.  
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
5 follows:

6 Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1862, sub-§4-A is enacted to  
7 read:

8 4-A. Consumer price index. "Consumer price

1 index" means the most recent consumer price index as  
2 compiled by the United States Department of Labor,  
3 Bureau of Labor Statistics.

4 Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1866, sub-§4, as amended by PL  
5 1979, c. 735, is further amended to read:

6 4. Reimbursement by distributor. In addition to  
7 the payment of the refund value, the distributor shall  
8 reimburse the dealer or local redemption center for  
9 the cost of handling beverage containers, in an amount  
10 which equals at least 2¢ per returned container. The  
11 reimbursement required under this subsection shall be  
12 adjusted annually by reference to the consumer price  
13 index, but in no event may be less than 2¢ per  
14 returned container.

15 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 This bill provides that the handling fee on  
17 returnable beverage containers shall be adjusted  
18 annually by reference to the consumer price index, but  
19 may not be less than 2¢ per returned container.

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