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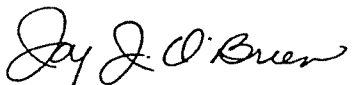
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S.P. 197

In Senate, February 27, 1989

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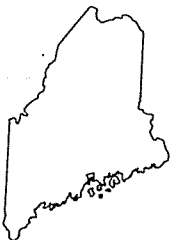

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Extend the Scope of the Returnable Container Law.



1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1862, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 649,
5 §1, is repealed.

7 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1862, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

9 1-A. Beverage. "Beverage" means any liquid intended for
11 drinking whether flavored or unflavored, carbonated or still
13 except it shall not include milk and dairy derived products, full
15 strength fruit juice including condensed fruit juices, spirits
17 and wine. It shall include, but not be limited to, bottled water
19 and mineral water both plain and carbonated, soda water,
21 carbonated and noncarbonated soft drinks, malt liquor, wine
23 coolers and juice drinks which are a combination of a juice and
25 another nonalcoholic liquid.

27 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1862, sub-§14** is enacted to read:

29 14. Wine cooler. "Wine cooler" means a beverage of less
31 than 8% alcohol content by volume consisting of wine and:

33 A. Plain, sparkling or carbonated water; and

35 B. Any one or more of the following:

37 (1) Fruit juices;

39 (2) Fruit adjuncts;

41 (3) Artificial or natural flavors or flavorings;

43 (4) Preservatives;

45 (5) Coloring; or

47 (6) Any other natural or artificial blending material.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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43 Maine has a law concerning returnable containers which
45 requires that containers for malt beverages, soda water, soft
47 drinks and wine coolers shall have a refund value. This bill
extends the provision of this bill to include all beverages
except spirits, wine, fruit juice and dairy products.