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House of Representatives, February 28, 1989

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative McGOWAN of Canaan.
Cosponsored by Representative JACQUES of Waterville, Representative MICHAUD of East Millinocket and Representative ALLEN of Washington.

## STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Require Deposits on Liquor Bottles.



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3	Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1862, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1987, c. 649, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
5	gr, is repeated and the rollowing enacted in its prace.
	1. Beverage. "Beverage" means liquor, as defined in Title
7	28-A, section 2, subsection 16, soda water or other carbonated drink in liquid form and intended for human consumption.
9	drink in liquid form and incended for numan consumpcion.
	Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1863, as amended by PL 1979, c. 462, §3, is
11	further amended to read:
13	§1863. Refund value
15	Every beverage container sold or offered for sale to a consumer in this State shall have a refund value. For
17	nonrefillable beverage containers, the deposit and the refund value shall be determined and initiated by the distributor
19	according to the type, kind and size of the beverage container, but shall not be less than 20¢ for all beverage containers which
21	contain liquor containing more than 15.5% alcohol and not less than 5¢ for all other beverage containers. The refund value on
23	refillable beverage containers shall be determined by the manufacturer according to the type, kind and size of the beverage
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31	STATEMENT OF FACT
33	This bill includes all liquor bottles under the Returnable Container Law. Bottles and cans holding beer or wine coolers are
35	currently covered, so only wine bottles and spiritous liquor
30	bottles need to be added.
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•	This bill also requires that the deposit for liquor
39	containers, other than beer, wine and wine coolers, be at least

20¢.