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House of Representatives, March 2, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ALLEN of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative LORD of Waterboro and Representative GRAHAM of Houlton.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Law on Beverage Container Redemption.



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

3 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1862, sub-§8-A** is enacted to read:

5 8-A. Juice container. "Juice container" means a glass,
6 metal or plastic bottle, can, jar or other container which has
7 been sealed by the manufacturer and which, at the time of sale,
8 contains one gallon or less of any noncarbonated, nonalcoholic
9 drink containing any amount of fruit or vegetable juice.

11 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1862, sub-§12-B** is enacted to read:

13 12-B. Single-serving beverage container. "Single-serving
14 beverage container" means a beverage container containing 16
15 ounces or less of a beverage.

17 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1862, sub-§12-C** is enacted to read:

19 12-C. Spirits container. "Spirits container" means a
20 glass, metal or plastic bottle, can, jar or other container which
21 has been sealed by the manufacturer and which, at the time of
22 sale, contains one gallon or less of spirits as defined in Title
23 28-A, section 31.

25 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §1862, sub-§14** is enacted to read:

27 14. Wine container. "Wine container" means a glass, metal
28 or plastic bottle, can or jar or other container which has been
29 sealed by the manufacturer and which, at the time of sale,
30 contains one gallon or less of a "fortified wine" or a "wine" as
31 defined in Title 28-A, section 2.

33 **Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §1863-A** is enacted to read:

35 §1863-A. Returnables

37 1. Single-serving beverage container. By January 1, 1990,
38 every single-serving beverage container, except those constructed
39 of cardboard, must have a refund value as set out in section 1863.

41 2. Juice container. By January 1, 1991, every juice
42 container, except those constructed of cardboard, must have a
43 refund value as set out in section 1863.

45 3. Spirits and wine containers. By January 1, 1992, every
46 spirits and wine container, except those constructed of
47 cardboard, must have a refund value as set out in section 1863.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill phases in additional containers that must be returnable. Except for cardboard containers, by January 1, 1990,

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all single-serving beverage containers, by January 1, 1991, all juice containers and by January 1, 1992, all spirits and wine

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containers, must be returnable for a refund.