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STATE OF MAINE  
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1025, L.D. 1431, Bill, "An Act to Promote Reduction, Recycling and Integrated Management of Solid Waste and Sound Environmental Regulation"

Amend the amendment in Part D in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Beverage. "Beverage" means beer, ale or other drink produced by fermenting malt, spirits, wine coolers, soda and all nonalcoholic carbonated drinks in liquid form and intended for internal human consumption.'

Further amend the amendment in Part D in section 3 in the first line (page 69, line 1 in amendment) by striking out the following: ", 14 and 15" and inserting in its place the following: 'and 14'

Further amend the amendment in Part D in section 3 by striking out all of subsection 14.

Further amend the amendment in Part D in section 3 in subsection 15 in the first line (page 69, line 11 in amendment) by striking out the following: "15." and inserting in its place the following '14.'

Further amend the amendment in Part D in section 5 in that part designated "§1863." in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 69, line 49 in amendment) by striking out the following: "wine and"

Further amend the amendment in Part D in section 5 in that part designated "§1863." in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 70, line 3 in amendment) by striking out the following: "wine and"

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3 Further amend the amendment in Part D in section 5 in that  
part designated "§1863." by striking out all of subsection 3 and  
inserting in its place the following:

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7 '3. Spirits containers. For spirits containers of greater  
than 50 milliliters, the refund value shall not be less than  
15¢. On January 1, 1992, the department shall issue a finding on  
the percentages of spirits containers returned for deposit. If  
the department finds the return rate of spirits containers was  
less than 60% during 1991, then on July 1, 1992, the refund of  
spirits containers shall not be less than 25¢.'

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15 Further amend the amendment in Part D by striking out all of  
sections 6 and 8.

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19 Further amend the amendment in Part D in section 11 in the  
first line (page 72, line 4 in amendment) by striking out the  
following: "and section 8" and in the 5th line (page 72, line 8  
in amendment) by striking out the following: "Sections 6 and 9"  
21 and inserting in its place the following: 'Section 7' and in the  
6th line (page 72, line 9 in amendment) by striking out the  
23 figure "7" and inserting in its place the figure '6'

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27 Further amend the amendment in Part D by renumbering the  
sections to read consecutively.

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31 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

33 The purpose of this amendment is to expand Maine's  
returnable bottle law to cover liquor, but not to expand the law  
to cover other beverage containers. This amendment also keeps  
35 the handling fee paid for by distributors at its current level.

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