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Presented by Representative McGOWAN of Canaan. Cosponsored by Representative DiPIETRO of South Portland, Representative JACQUES of Waterville and President PRAY of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Prohibit Possession of Improperly Labeled Beverage Containers.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
3	32 MRSA §1872 is enacted to read:
5	<u>§1872. Unlawful possession of beverage containers</u>
7	<u>A person is guilty of unlawful possession of a beverage container if that person intentionally or knowingly possesses a</u>
9	beverage container which would be refundable if labeled with a Maine 5¢ deposit as directed in section 1865 and does not have
11	that labeling.
13	1. Warning. Any person stopped for a violation of this section during the initial year after this section takes effect
15	shall be issued a warning that a violation of this section has occurred.
L7	2. Penalty. Following the initial one-year warning period,
L9 ·	violating this section is a civil violation for which a forfeiture of \$20 per container may be adjudged.
21	3. Enforcement. It is the duty of the Maine State Police
23	to enforce this section and to prosecute any persons violating this section.
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27	STATEMENT OF FACT
29	This bill makes it unlawful for a person to possess a
3.1 _.	nonrefundable beverage container in Maine which would be refundable if properly labeled.
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