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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 512, L.D. 700, Bill, "An Act Concerning Fraudulent Redemptions"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 8 by striking out all of the 2nd sentence (page 1, lines 11 to 15 in L. D.)

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 8 in the 11th line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "is in possession of or"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 8 by inserting before the last sentence the following: 'At each location where customers tender containers for redemption, dealers and redemption centers must conspicuously display a sign in letters that are at least one inch in height with the following information: "WARNING: Persons tendering containers for redemption that were not originally purchased in this State may be subject to a fine of the greater of \$100 per container or \$25,000 for each tender. (32 MRSA Section 1866)."'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill establishes a new civil violation. The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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Current law prohibits tendering for redemption more than 240 beverage containers if the person making the tender knows that these containers were not purchased in Maine.

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The original bill lowers this limit to 48 containers and extends it to those having such containers in their possession. It also requires that persons tendering more than 240 containers certify that they were purchased in Maine.

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This amendment removes the possession and certification components of the bill, leaving the revised limit of 48 containers. It adds a provision that dealers must post a sign indicating that redemption of containers purchased out of state may be against the law. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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