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House of Representatives, April 19, 1995

An Act to Increase the Returnable Bottle Fee.

Received by the Clerk of the House on April 14, 1995. Referred to the Committee on Business and Economic Development and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JONES of Bar Harbor. (By Request)
Cosponsored by Representative: VOLENIK of Sedgwick.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1863-A, sub-§§1 to 4, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 819, §3, are amended to read:

1. Refillable containers. For refillable beverage containers, except wine and spirits containers, the manufacturer shall determine the deposit and refund value according to the type, kind and size of the beverage container. The deposit and refund value may not be less than 5¢ 10¢.

2. Nonrefillable containers; exclusive distributorships. For nonrefillable beverage containers, except wine and spirits containers, sold through geographically exclusive distributorships, the distributor shall determine and initiate the deposit and refund value according to the type, kind and size of the beverage container. The deposit and refund value must not be less than 5¢ 10¢.

3. Nonrefillable containers; nonexclusive distributorships. For nonrefillable beverage containers, except wine and spirits containers, not sold through geographically exclusive distributorships, the deposit and refund value may not be less than 5¢ 10¢.

4. Wine and spirits containers. For wine and spirits containers of greater than 50 milliliters, the refund value may not be less than 15¢ 30¢. ~~On January 1, 1993, the department shall issue a finding on the percentages of wine containers and spirits containers returned for deposit. If the department finds the return rate of wine containers was less than 60% during the year ending September 1992, then, on July 1, 1993, the refund value on wine containers may not be less than 25¢. If the department finds the return rate of spirits containers was less than 60% during the year ending September 1992, then, on July 1, 1993, the refund value of spirits containers may not be less than 25¢.~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill raises the minimum deposit and refund value of beverage containers from 5¢ to 10¢.

This bill also raises the minimum deposit and refund value of wine and spirits containers from 15¢ to 30¢.