

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 687

H.P. 496

House of Representatives, February 4, 1997

An Act to Require Notification of Changes in Product Lines from Beverage Distributors to Redemption Centers and to Clarify Beverage Distributors' Obligation to Pick Up Containers.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, FOSTER of Gray, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, O'BRIEN of Augusta.

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

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Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1866, sub-§5, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. A distributor not required to pick up containers from a dealer under paragraphs A and B is required to pick up containers upon request of a dealer if:

(1) The containers are empty, unbroken and reasonably clean;

(2) The containers are of the particular kind, size and brand sold by the distributor; and

(3) There are at least 48 empty beverage containers in the possession of the dealer.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1866, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Notification. A distributor shall notify in writing redemption centers when a beverage line is discontinued or a new beverage line is added. The distributor may notify redemption centers in one of 2 ways:

A. By attaching the information with the distributor's payment to the redemption center; or

B. By distributing the information to the redemption center when empty containers are picked up by distributor drivers.

Distributors are responsible for reimbursement to redemption centers of discontinued beverage containers if the requirements of this subsection are not met.

SUMMARY

This bill requires distributors to pick up containers when requested by dealers if the containers are empty, unbroken and reasonably clean; of the particular kind, size and brand sold by the distributor; and number at least 48. The bill requires distributors to notify redemption centers when a beverage line is discontinued or a new beverage line is added. The distributor may choose to notify redemption centers in one of 2 ways.