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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 326, L.D. 985, Bill, "An Act To Improve the State's Returnable Bottle Law and Adjust Handling Fees"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1862, sub-§12-E is enacted to read:

12-E. Reverse vending machine. "Reverse vending machine" means an automated device that uses a laser scanner and microprocessor to accurately recognize the universal product code on containers and to accumulate information regarding containers redeemed, enabling the reverse vending machine to accept containers from redeemers and to issue script for the containers' refund value.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §1866, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1991, c. 819, §6, is further amended to read:

**3. Distributor acceptance.** A distributor may not refuse to accept from any dealer or local redemption center any empty, unbroken and reasonably clean beverage container or any beverage container that has been processed through an approved reverse vending machine that meets the requirements of rules adopted by the department pursuant to this chapter of the kind, size and brand sold by the distributor or refuse to pay to the dealer or local redemption center the refund value of a beverage container as established by section 1863-A.'

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2 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any  
4 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
consecutively.

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8 SUMMARY

10 This amendment, which is the minority report of the  
committee, requires dealers and distributors to accept beverage  
containers processed through reverse vending machines.