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In Senate, February 10, 2005

An Act To Exempt from License Fees Small Businesses That Collect Returnable Bottles

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1871-A, sub-§1**, as corrected by RR 2001, c.
4 2, Pt. A, §41, is amended to read:

6 **1. Procedures; license fees.** The department shall adopt
8 rules establishing the requirements and procedures for issuance
of licenses and annual renewals under this section, including a
10 fee structure, except that the department may not impose license
12 fees on a small retailer. Initial rules adopted pursuant to this
subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
14 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. Rules adopted effective after
calendar year 2003 are major substantive rules as defined in
16 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A and are subject to review by
the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
jurisdiction over business and economic development matters.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 Current law requires an establishment that accepts bottles
22 for redemption to be licensed by the Department of Agriculture,
Food and Rural Resources. Under rules adopted by the department,
24 the annual license fee for redemption centers is \$50.

26 This bill exempts from the license fee small retailers that
accept bottles for redemption.