

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 13, 2007

### **An Act To Dedicate Unclaimed Beverage Deposits to Beverage Container Recycling Development**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative NORTON of Bangor. (BY REQUEST)

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1866-E, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 700, §2 and as  
3 affected by §6, is further amended to read:

4 **4. Transfer of abandoned deposit amounts.** By the 20th day of each month, an  
5 initiator shall turn over to the State Tax Assessor the initiator's abandoned deposit  
6 amounts determined pursuant to subsection 3. Those amounts may be paid from the  
7 deposit transaction fund. Amounts collected by the assessor pursuant to this subsection  
8 must be treated by the assessor as a tax, as that term is defined by Title 36, section 111,  
9 subsection 5, and 1/2 of these amounts must be deposited in the General Fund and 1/2 of  
10 these amounts must be deposited in a dedicated account in the Department of Agriculture,  
11 Food and Rural Resources for research and development of beverage container recycling.

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### SUMMARY

13 This bill provides that 1/2 of the amount of unclaimed beverage container deposits  
14 must be deposited in a dedicated account in the Department of Agriculture for the  
15 research and development of beverage container recycling.