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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

Report "A"

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 603, L.D. 1696, Bill, "An Act To Amend Maine's Bottle Laws"

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

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**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1863-A, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 819, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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**4. Wine and spirits containers.** For wine and spirits containers of greater than 50 milliliters, the refund value may not be less than 15¢. Beginning April 1, 2008, the refund value for wine and spirits containers of greater than 50 milliliters may not be less than 5¢.

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**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1866, sub-§4, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 499, §6, is further amended to read:

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A. In addition to the payment of the refund value, the initiator of the deposit under section 1863-A, subsections 1, 2 and 4 shall reimburse the dealer or local redemption center for the cost of handling beverage containers subject to section 1863-A, in an amount that equals at least 3¢ per returned container for containers picked up by the initiator before March 1, 2004 and, at least 3 1/2¢ for containers picked up on or after March 1, 2004 and at least 3 3/4¢ for containers picked up on or after March 1, 2008. The initiator of the deposit may reimburse the dealer or local redemption center directly or indirectly through a party with which it has entered into a commingling agreement.

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**Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1866, sub-§4, ¶B**, as corrected by RR 2003, c. 1, §34, is amended to read:

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B. In addition to the payment of the refund value, the initiator of the deposit under section 1863-A, subsection 3 shall reimburse the dealer or local redemption center for the cost of handling beverage containers subject to section 1863-A in an amount that equals at least 3¢ per returned container for containers picked up by the initiator

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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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3 initiator of the deposit may reimburse the dealer or local redemption center directly or  
4 indirectly through a contracted agent or through a party with which it has entered into  
5 a commingling agreement.'

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment replaces the bill and is the majority report of the committee. It  
8 reduces the minimum refund value for wine and spirits containers of greater than 50  
9 milliliters to not less than 5¢ beginning April 1, 2008. It also increases the handling fee  
10 for beverage containers to at least 3 3/4¢ for containers picked up on or after March 1,  
11 2008.