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S.P. 155	In Senate, February 10, 2009

An Act To Increase the Redemption Fee on Sorting and Handling

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SMITH of Piscataquis. Cosponsored by Senators: GOODALL of Sagadahoc, ROSEN of Hancock, SULLIVAN of York. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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2 Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1866, sub-§4, ¶A, as amended by PL 2003, c. 499, §6, is further amended to read:

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 $3 \notin 5 \notin$ per returned container for containers picked up by the initiator before March 1, 2004 and at least $3 - 1/2 \notin$ for containers picked up on or after March 1, 2004. 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.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1866, sub-§4, ¶B, as corrected by RR 2003, c. 1, §34, is
amended to read:

14 In addition to the payment of the refund value, the initiator of the deposit under В. 15 section 1863-A, subsection 3 shall reimburse the dealer or local redemption center for 16 the cost of handling beverage containers subject to section 1863-A in an amount that 17 equals at least $3 \neq 5 \neq per$ returned container for containers picked up by the initiator 18 before March 1, 2004 and at least 3 1/2¢ for containers picked up on or after March 1, 19 2004. The initiator of the deposit may reimburse the dealer or local redemption 20 center directly or indirectly through a contracted agent or through a party with which 21 it has entered into a commingling agreement.

SUMMARY

This bill increases the reimbursement to dealers or local redemption centers from 3ϕ and $3 \frac{1}{2}\phi$ to 5ϕ per returned container.