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## **Resolve, To Reimburse Convenience Stores on a One-time Basis for Beverage Containers**

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative AYOTTE of Caswell. Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: EDGECOMB of Caribou, GIFFORD of Lincoln.

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1 Sec. 1. Beverage container reimbursement. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2 2012, on a one-time basis, the State shall reimburse a convenience store that accepts 3 empty beverage containers for redemption of deposit the refund value of beverage containers that are not labeled in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, 4 section 1865. For purposes of this section, "refund value" means the refund value 5 established in Title 32, section 1863-A and "convenience store" means a retail store that 6 7 specializes in the sale of a limited quantity and variety of consumable items in their original containers. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall 8 9 establish a process for implementing the provisions of this section.

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## **SUMMARY**

This resolve requires the State, on a one-time basis, to reimburse convenience stores
the refund value of beverage containers that are not labeled as being refundable in Maine.
The resolve also directs the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to
establish a process for implementing the reimbursement.