

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1183

House of Representatives, December 22, 2017

### An Act To Create Equity for Wine and Spirits Container Deposits

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2017. Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HANLEY of Pittston, HARLOW of Portland, HILLIARD of Belgrade, POULIOT of Augusta, VACHON of Scarborough, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §3103, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14 and  
3 amended by PL 2017, c. 140, §1 and affected by §3, is repealed and the following enacted  
4 in its place:

5 **4. Wine and spirits containers.** For wine and spirits containers, regardless of  
6 container size, the refund value may not be more than 5¢.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill creates a uniform refund value for all wine and spirits bottles in the laws  
9 governing returnable beverage containers.