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LD 56 / HP0043

An Act To Include 50 Milliliter and Smaller Liquor Bottles in the Laws Governing Returnable Containers. Presented by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Public Hearing 02/01/17. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 05/16/17. Amended by: CA H-107, HA/CA H-132. Final Disposition: Enacted, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 140. (Veto Overridden 06/07/17).

Original Bill

[LD 56 \(128th Legis. 2017\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law

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Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(H-107\) \(LD 56 2017\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

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News Articles

Maine lawmakers want to place a deposit on Fireball nips, other miniature liquor bottles (A.J. Higgins) (Bangor Daily News, 2/2/2017, p. B1, B3) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/B1702002.pdf)

Bill to apply 15-cent deposit to mini liquor bottles advances (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 2/28/2017, p. B1, B3) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/P1702097.pdf)

The nuisance of 'nips' (Edgar Allen Beem) (Forecaster, 4/28/2017, p. 7) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/Forecaster 170428B.pdf)

Bill to add bottle deposit to 'nips' advances (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 5/10/2017, p. B3) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/PPH 170510G.pdf)

LePage threatens to veto deposit on 'nips,' remove them from Maine stores (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 5/17/2017, p. B1, B6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/PPH 170517B.pdf)

Lewiston liquor bottler says ending nips sales would have 'drastic impact' on company (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 5/18/2017, p. A1, A4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/PPH 170518A.pdf)

Lewiston bottler drops support for recycling bill after LePage threat (Steve Collins) (Sun Journal, 5/18/2017, p. A1, A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/Sun Journal 170518A.pdf)

As promised, LePage vetoes bill to impose nickel deposit on 'nips' bottles (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 6/6/2017, p. B1, B2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/PPH 170606D.pdf)

Gov Paul LePage vetoes deposit bill for nips (Steve Collins) (Sun Journal, 6/6/2017, p. A1, A5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/Sun Journal 170606A.pdf)

Maine House votes to override LePage's nip deposit veto (Steve Collins) (Sun Journal, 6/7/2017, p. A1, A5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/Sun Journal 170607B.pdf)

Maine drinkers, get ready to start paying a deposit on your nip bottles (Christopher Cousins) (Bangor Daily News, 6/8/2017, p. A1, A2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/BDN 170608A.pdf)

After Senate overrides veto, fate of 'nips' bottles rests with LePage (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 6/8/2017, p. B1, B2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/PPH 170608C.pdf)

Maine Senate overrides Paul LePage's veto of nips bill (Steve Collins) (Sun Journal, 6/8/2017, p. A1, A7) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/Sun Journal 170608B.pdf)

LePage uncorks plan to end the sale of nips in Maine (Christopher Cousins) (Bangor Daily News, 6/14/2017, p. B1, B2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/BDN 170614I.pdf)

Gov LePage forges ahead with bid to stop lucrative sales of 'nips' liquor bottles (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 6/14/2017, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/PPH 170614B.pdf)

Gov LePage asks liquor bureau to ban 'nips'; move would hurt Lewiston bottler (Steve Collins) (Sun Journal, 6/14/2017, p. A1, A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/Sun Journal 170614A.pdf)

Have a nip (David Woodsome) (Journal Tribune, 12:00:00 AM, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/Journal Tribune 170623B.pdf)

Last call for minibottles - A little booze battle is nipping at Maine (Jennifer Levitz) (Wall Street Journal, 6/29/2017, p. A1, A10) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/WSJ 170629A.pdf)

Maine liquor regulators urge ban on nips (Steve Collins) (Sun Journal, 7/4/2017, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/Sun Journal 170704B.pdf)

Regulators tie popularity of nips to spike in drunk driving (Steve Collins) (Sun Journal, 7/4/2017, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/Sun Journal 170704C.pdf)

Distiller disputes LePage's argument that 'nips' are behind increase in drunken driving (Megan Doyle) (Portland Press Herald, 7/6/2017, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/PPH 170706A.pdf)

Lewiston 'nips' bottler blasts ban idea, warns it may halt expansion plans (Steve Collins) (Sun Journal, 7/6/2017, p. A1, A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/Sun Journal 170706A.pdf)

'Nips' ban will boost New Hampshire liquor sales, retailers warn (Steve Collins) (Sun Journal, 7/7/2017, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/Sun Journal 170707A.pdf)

State liquor regulators stand by call for 'nips' ban (Steve Collins) (Sun Journal, 7/11/2017, p. A1, A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/Sun Journal 170711A.pdf)

Maine commission rejects LePage's bid to end sale of liquor 'nips' (Scott Thistle) (Portland Press Herald, 7/12/2017, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/PPH 170712B.pdf)

Liquor panel rejects ban on 'nips' (Steve Collins) (Sun Journal, 7/12/2017, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/Sun Journal 170712A.pdf)

House overrides LePage's veto of 'nips' bottle-deposit bill (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 6/7/2018, p. B1, B8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD00xx/nc128-LD-0056/PPH 170607G.pdf)

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