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In Senate, January 10, 2023

**An Act to Increase the Handling Fee for Beverage Containers
Reimbursed to Dealers and Redemption Centers**

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and
Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland, Representative: BOYLE of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §3106, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 526, §7, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **7. Reimbursement of handling costs.** Reimbursement of handling costs is governed
5 by this subsection.

6 A. In addition to the payment of the refund value, the initiator of the deposit under
7 section 3103, subsections 1, 2 and 4 shall reimburse the dealer or redemption center
8 for the cost of handling beverage containers subject to section 3103, in an amount that
9 equals at least 3¢ per returned container for containers picked up by the initiator before
10 March 1, 2004, at least 3 1/2¢ for containers picked up on or after March 1, 2004 and
11 before March 1, 2010, at least 4¢ for containers picked up on or after March 1, 2010
12 and before January 1, 2020 ~~and~~, at least 4 1/2¢ for containers picked up on or after
13 January 1, 2020 and before January 1, 2024 and at least 5¢ for containers picked up on
14 or after January 1, 2024. The initiator of the deposit may reimburse the dealer or
15 redemption center directly or indirectly through a party with which it has entered into
16 a commingling agreement.

17 B. In addition to the payment of the refund value, the initiator of the deposit under
18 section 3103, subsection 3 shall reimburse the dealer or redemption center for the cost
19 of handling beverage containers subject to section 3103 in an amount that equals at
20 least 3¢ per returned container for containers picked up by the initiator before March
21 1, 2004, at least 3 1/2¢ for containers picked up on or after March 1, 2004 and before
22 March 1, 2010, at least 4¢ for containers picked up on or after March 1, 2010 and before
23 January 1, 2020 ~~and~~, at least 4 1/2¢ for containers picked up on or after January 1, 2020
24 and before January 1, 2024 and at least 5¢ for containers picked up on or after January
25 1, 2024. The initiator of the deposit may reimburse the dealer or redemption center
26 directly or indirectly through a contracted agent or through a party with which it has
27 entered into a commingling agreement.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill increases the reimbursement to a dealer or redemption center for the cost of
30 handling beverage containers by 1/2¢ to 5¢ beginning January 1, 2024.