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**STATE OF MAINE  
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126TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 362, L.D. 1080, Bill, “An Act To Improve Efficiency in the Collection of Beverage Containers”

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 (page 2, lines 10 to 30 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**Sec. 2. Rulemaking; audits.** The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall adopt rules for conducting audits on beverage containers presented to distributors by redemption centers as ready for redemption under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 28. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF  
Beverage Container Enforcement Fund 0971**

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation for rulemaking.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
All Other	\$2,614	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,614</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**SUMMARY**

This amendment strikes the provision in the bill that establishes a process for audits of plastic bags containing beverage containers submitted for acceptance to a distributor and adds a requirement that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry adopt rules for conducting audits on containers presented to distributors by redemption centers as ready for redemption. The amendment strikes the provision in the bill relating

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1 to the counting of all redemption centers when calculating the number of centers in a  
2 municipality. The amendment retains the provisions in the bill requiring that collections  
3 from redemption centers be made every 15 days and additional pickups be made when the  
4 redemption center has more than 10,000 beverage containers. The amendment also adds  
5 an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

6 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

7 **(See attached)**