

COMPARISON OF STATE BOTTLE BILLS MARCH 25, 2022 prepared by VTANR

	Vermont (current)	Maine
Deposit Amount	5¢; with 15¢ liquor	5¢; with 15¢ wine/liquor
Covered Beverages	Beer & malt beverages; Carbonated soft drinks & mineral water; Wine coolers; Liquor	All beverages except dairy products and unprocessed cider
Handling Fee	3.5¢/container commingled brands; 4¢ non-commingled	4.5¢/container w. no difference btw commingled vs. non (went up from 4 cents in 2020; used to be 0.5¢ less for non-commingled)
Unclaimed Deposits (Escheats)	100% unclaimed deposits returned to state, goes to Clean Water Fund, generating ~\$3M annually; ~77% redeemed, 23% unredeemed.	brands not in commingling must remit 100% of unclaimed; commingled brands retain unclaimed deposits
Responsibility for Program Administration	DEC administration, ~0.2 FTE	Maine DEP, currently 2 FTE
Funding for Program Administration	unfunded	Funded by product registration fees/UPC code (\$4/code beverages; \$1/code for wine) paid by manufacturer/deposit initiator. Deposit initiator also pays \$500/year reg fee unless small (\$50/year). Pick-up agents pay \$500/year reg fee and redemption centers \$100/year reg fee.
Number of registered beverages	16,371	49,005
Funding for Program Implementation	per container handling fee to redeemers	per container handling fee to redeemers; potentially fees for "Member Dealer Agreements" from retailers to redemption centers (likely not significant)
Latest Redemption Rate (of covered containers)	77% (2021)	84% (2017)
Number of manual sorts (approx)	~100-125 sorts	~160-180 sorts <i>with</i> six commingling groups (ME DEP says that if you counted every brand with tiny redemption quantities, you might hit 300 or 400).