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# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 595

House of Representatives, March 5, 2013

### **Resolve, To Require a Study of the Availability of Food Packaging without Bisphenol A**

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GIDEON of Freeport.  
Cosponsored by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: DeCHANT of Bath, GUERIN of Glenburn, HICKMAN of Winthrop,  
McLEAN of Gorham, MOONEN of Portland, PLANTE of Berwick, TIPPING-SPITZ of  
Orono.



**Sec. 1. Food packaging study. Resolved:** That the Department of Environmental Protection shall conduct a review of packaging for food intended for humans to determine the availability of practical and economically feasible packaging alternatives that do not contain bisphenol A. The department shall submit its findings, along with any recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources by January 3, 2014. The joint standing committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature in accordance with the recommendations of the department.

## SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Environmental Protection to determine practical and economically feasible food packaging alternatives that do not contain bisphenol A. The department is required to submit its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, which may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature in accordance with the department's recommendations.