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Resolve, to Study the Safe Disposal of Single-use Propane Canisters

Received by the Clerk of the House on March 12, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative RANA of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and
Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth, KESSLER of South Portland,
OSHER of Orono, Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Sec. 1. Single-use propane canister disposal study. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall study the current infrastructure for the disposal of single-use propane canisters and make recommendations regarding improvements to allow residents of the State to safely dispose of used canisters. In conducting the study, the department shall also research the viability of implementing a statewide ban on propane canisters that are not manufactured to be refillable.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by December 3, 2025, the Department of Environmental Protection shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

12 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Environmental Protection to study the current infrastructure for the disposal of single-use propane canisters and make recommendations regarding improvements to allow residents of the State to safely dispose of used canisters and directs the department to perform research on the viability of implementing a statewide ban on propane canisters that are not manufactured to be refillable. The department is directed to submit a report by December 3, 2025 to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, which may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.