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**History and Final Disposition**

LD 1541 / HP1146

An Act To Support and Improve Municipal Recycling Programs and Save Taxpayer Money. Presented by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Public Hearing 05/10/21. (OTP-AM) Report A Accepted 06/17/21. Amended by: CA H-605, HA/CA H-714, SB/CA S-382. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 07/12/21, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 455.

**Original Bill**

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**Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law**

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**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

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**New Drafts and Amendments**

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[Amendment CB \(H-0606\) \(LD 1541 2021\)](#)

[Amendment HA/CA \(H-0714\) \(LD 1541 2021\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CA \(S-0330\) \(LD 1541 2021\)](#)

[Amendment SB/CA \(S-0382\) \(LD 1541 2021\) \(Passed\)](#)

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## News Articles

Bill would shift recycling costs (Kate Cough) (Ellsworth American, 4/29/2021, p. Sec I, p. 11)

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/Ellsworth American 210429A.pdf)

Recycling changes could raise grocery prices (Christine Cummings) (Bangor Daily News,

- 5/18/2021, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/BDN 210518E.pdf)

The high cost of wasteful plastic packaging (Editorial) (Kennebec Journal, 5/17/2021, p. A7)

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Lawmakers advance first US packaging bill aimed at increasing recycling (Charlie Eichacker)

- (Bangor Daily News, 5/28/2021, p. B2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/BDN 210528F.pdf)

Lawmakers hear testimony on bills to overhaul state's recycling system (Kate Cough)

- (Ellsworth American, 5/27/2021, p. Sec. I, p. 9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/Ellsworth American 210527D.pdf)

Panel OKs recycling reform bill for packaging (Peter McGuire) (Portland Press Herald,

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Lawmakers consider recycling reform bills (Peter McGuire) (Portland Press Herald,

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Legislature backs bill to shift recycling costs (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News,

- 6/18/2021, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/BDN 210618C.pdf)

Mills signs nation's first measure shifting recycling costs to producers (Caitlin Andrews)

- (Bangor Daily News, 7/14/2021, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/BDN 210714G.pdf)

Recycling reform bill passes Maine House (Kate Cough) (Ellsworth American, 6/24/2021, p. Sec. 1, p. 4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/Ellsworth American 210624C.pdf)

Maine law shifts recycling costs to packaging producers (Camille Fine) (York County Coast Star, 7/16/2021, p. 6A) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/YCCS-210716A.pdf)

Grohoski-sponsored recycling legislation is signed into law (Cyndi Wood) (Ellsworth American, 7/15/2021, p. Sec. I, p. 3) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/Ellsworth American 210715A.pdf)

Firms on the hook for packaging waste (Janelle Nanos) (Boston Globe, 7/21/2021, p. A1, A12) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/Boston Globe 210721A.pdf)

Maine leads nation in shifting recycling costs from taxpayers (Ruth Leubecker) (Machias Valley News Observer, 7/22/2021, p. 1, 13) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/Machias Valley News Observer-Digital 210721A.pdf)

Maine will make companies pay for recycling- Here's how it works. (Winston Choi-Schagrín) (New York Times, 7/23/2021, p. B1) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/NYT 210723A.pdf)

Industry fights proposals as states start push to charge packages for recycling (Patrick Whittle) (Sun Journal (Lewiston), 8/1/2021, p. A1, A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/Sun Journal 210801A.pdf)

Our state's vision for recycling risks getting blurred by politics (Geoff Freeman) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 6/6/2021, p. B5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/Sun Journal 210606E.pdf)

Maine business groups: Prices would rise under recycling bill (Peter McGuire) (Portland Press Herald, 6/8/2021, p. A1, A11) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/PPH 210608B.pdf)

Recycling bill would give towns needed relief (Mark Draper) (Bangor Daily News, 6/7/2021, p. A7) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/BDN 210607G.pdf)

Industry groups look to blunt recycling bill's momentum in Maine Legislature (Lori Valigra) (Bangor Daily News, 6/9/2021, p. A1, A2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/BDN 210609A.pdf)

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We're drowning in sea of plastic (Anya Fletcher) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 6/16/2021, p. A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/Sun Journal 210616B.pdf)

Urge your legislators to support recycling reform in Maine (Laura Marston) (Coastal Journal Forecaster, 6/11/2021, p. 7) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1541/Coastal Journal Forecaster 210611E.pdf)

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Maine's lawmakers send landmark recycling reform bill to Mills' desk (Peter McGuire)  
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