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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 213, L.D. 662, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to the Law Governing the Manufacturers, Distributors and Dealers of Beverage Containers."

Amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the law governing the manufacturers, distributors and dealers becomes effective on January 1, 1978; and

Whereas, the Commissioner of Agriculture must adopt rules and regulations relating to the type, kind and size of the beverage containers; and

Whereas, manufacturers, distributors and dealers of beverage containers must manufacture beverage containers for use in Maine well in advance of January 1, 1978; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the Bill by inserting after section 2 and before the statement of fact the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

'Fiscal Note

Enforcement of rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act will require hiring one inspector. The annual cost of this inspector, plus travel and administrative costs are estimated by the Department of Agriculture to be \$17,000.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to enable the bill to pass as an emergency piece of legislation and thereby provide the Department of Agriculture, manufacturers, distributors and dealers with the additional period of time necessary for proper implementation of the Bottle Law. This amendment also identifies the need for an appropriation of \$17,000 for an inspector to ensure proper implementation of this Act.

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture.

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