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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT Prohibiting Nondegradable Connectors for Returnable Beverage Containers.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

32 MRSA § 1868, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 739, § 16, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Connectors. With containers connected to each other by a separate holding device constructed of plastic rings or other device or material which does not decompose by photodegradation, chemical degradation or biodegradation within a reasonable period of time upon exposure to the elements.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The returnable beverage container law presently prohibits the use of all but biodegradable connectors. This bill would permit the use of chemical or photodegradable connectors as well. It is similar to provisions in Vermont and Oregon.