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L.D. 1224

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " **A** " to H.P. 912, L.D. 1224, Bill, "AN ACT to Ban the Use of Plastic Connectors for Containers."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

**'AN ACT to Ban the Use of Nondegradable Plastic Connectors for Containers.'**

Further amend the Bill in section 2 by striking out all of the first paragraph after the amending clause (page 2, lines 1 to 4 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'No person may sell, or offer for sale, containers connected to each other by a separate holding device constructed of plastic rings or other plastic holding device, unless this device decomposes by photodegradation, chemical degradation or biodegradation within a reasonable period of time upon exposure to the elements.'

Further amend the Bill in section 3 in the first line after the amending clause (page 2 line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: " of plastic ring carriers" and inserting in its place the following: 'of nondegradable plastic carriers'

Further amend the Bill in section 4 by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Connectors. With containers connected to each other by a separate holding device constructed of plastic rings or other any device or material, including plastic rings or other plastic holding de-

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1 vice, which does not decompose by photodegradation,  
2 chemical degradation or biodegradation within a rea-  
3 sonable period of time upon exposure to the ele-  
4 ments.'

5 Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end  
6 before the statement of fact the following:

7 'Sec. 5. Effective date. This Act shall take  
8 effect on July 1, 1988.'

9 STATEMENT OF FACT

10 The original bill prohibited the use of plastic  
11 in devices used to connect containers sold as a  
12 multipack, of which soft drinks and beer are the best  
13 examples. This amendment allows the use of plastic  
14 connecting devices if the plastic is degradable by  
15 any of several means.

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