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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1705, L.D. 2354, Bill, "An Act to Correct Errors in the Solid Waste Laws"

Amend the amendment in Part C in section C-6 in subsection 4 by inserting at the end the following: 'This section does not apply to containers of soymilk products until July 1, 1991.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The amendment delays the implementation of the ban on aseptic packaging from September 1, 1990 to July 1, 1991 only on soymilk products to allow the soyfood industry to explore other methods of packaging. Soymilk is currently sold in 2 forms, fresh and aseptically packaged. Aseptic packaging accounts for 90% of sales. Fresh soymilk sold in plastic or cardboard containers is impractical except in huge population centers because of transportation and distribution costs to a relatively small market. Fresh soymilk spoils at about the same rate as cow's milk.

It is estimated that there are approximately 10,000 soymilk drinkers in Maine. Cow's milk is exempt from the ban on aseptic packaging.

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