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

Amend the bill in Part A by inserting after section A-1 the following:

'Sec. A-2. 32 MRSA §1868, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 585, Pt. D, §§8 and 11, is amended to read:

4. **Aseptic beverage packs.** In a container composed of aseptic packaging composed of aluminum, paper and plastic in combination, where those materials are for practical reasons inseparable, and commonly referred to as a "brick-pack." This section does not apply to aseptic beverage 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.

