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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 812, L.D. 1166, Bill, "An Act to Allow the Use of Either Paper or Plastic Bags at Point of Retail Sale"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1605, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 585, Pt. E, §35, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1605. Plastic bags; recycling

A retailer may use plastic bags to bag products at the point of retail sale only if the retailer conspicuously locates on the premises a receptacle for collecting any used plastic bags for the purpose of recycling.

Sec. 2. Report. The Maine Waste Management Agency, in cooperation with the Maine State Grocers Association, Inc., the Maine Merchants Association, Inc., and other appropriate organizations, shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and natural resource matters on the operation of Title 38, section 1605 by January 1, 1993. The report must quantify the use of plastic and paper bags in the State and must estimate the average plastic bag recycling rate.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill requires the Maine Waste Management Agency to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on the use of plastic and paper bags. Cost associated with the reporting requirement will be absorbed by the Maine Waste Management Agency utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The amendment replaces the bill.

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The amendment permits retailers to use plastic bags if they locate a receptacle on the premises for collecting and recycling used plastic bags. The amendment also requires the Maine Waste Management Agency to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources by January 1, 1993.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
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