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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 193, L.D. 256, Bill, "An Act to Allow the Use of Advanced Lightweight Beverage Containers"

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. 32 MRSA §1863-C is enacted to read:

§1863-C. Flexible packaging exemption

A flexible package in which the packaging material is 0.15 millimeters or less in thickness is exempt from the definition in section 1862, subsection 2 and the prohibitions in section 1868, subsections 3 and 4.

FISCAL NOTE

The exemption of certain beverage containers from bottle deposit requirements will result in insignificant reductions of General Fund revenues from bottle deposit fees.

This loss of revenues to the General Fund is in accordance with the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 2201-A which transfers all revenues from the Maine Solid Waste Management Fund to the General Fund as of July 1, 1993.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment allows the sale of thin, flexible and predominantly plastic containers that are suitable only for noncarbonated beverages. The amendment also exempts this type of beverage packaging from the current prohibition on plastic cans and from participation in the beverage container deposit system.

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