

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1286

S.P. 410

In Senate, April 15, 1993

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**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Aseptic Containers.**

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Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1862, sub-§2, as affected by PL 1989, c. 869, Pt. C, §12, is amended to read:

2. **Beverage container.** "Beverage container" means a bottle, can, jar, box or other container made of glass, metal or plastic which or a composite, in whole or in part, of aluminum and plastic or aluminum and paper, known as "aseptic," that has been sealed by a manufacturer and which that, at the time of sale, contains one gallon or less of a beverage.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1868, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 869, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. C, §12, is further amended to read:

1. **Flip tops.** In a metal container designed or constructed so that part of the container is detachable for the purpose of opening the container without the aid of a separate can opener, except that nothing in this subsection prohibits the sale of a container, the only detachable part of which is a piece of adhesive-backed tape; and

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1868, sub-§3, as affected by PL 1989, c. 869, Pt. C, §12, is amended to read:

3. **Plastic cans.** In a container composed of one or more plastics if the basic structure of the container, exclusive of the closure device, also includes aluminum or steel; and.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §1868, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1991, c. 304, §3, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows aseptic containers to be sold in the State.