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House of Representatives, February 6, 1995

An Act to Expand Maine's Bottle Law.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth. (By Request)

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1862, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1993, c. 77, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Beverage. "Beverage" means beer, ale or other drink produced by fermenting malt, spirits, wine, wine coolers, soda or noncarbonated water and all nonalcoholic carbonated or noncarbonated drinks in liquid form and intended for internal human consumption, except for unflavored rice milk, unflavored soymilk, milk and dairy-derived products in nonplastic containers.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1863-A, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

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5. HDPE plastic containers. For all high-density polyethylene plastic containers labeled HDPE pursuant to section 1723, subsection 1, paragraph B and of one gallon or less, including milk containers, the deposit and refund value may not be less than 5ϕ .

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STATEMENT OF FACT

24 This bill adds certain plastic containers to the beverage containers that require a deposit and a refund. The containers must be made of HDPE, a recyclable plastic, and must be labeled with those letters.