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An Act to Expand the Bottle Law to Include Certain Beverage Containers.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LIBBY of York. Cosponsored by Representative: WILLIAMS of Orono.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1862, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1993, c. 77,
4	\$1, is further amended to read:
6	 Beverage. "Beverage" means beer, ale or other drink produced by fermenting malt, spirits, wine, wine coolers, soda or
8	noncarbonated water and all nonalcoholic carbonated or noncarbonated drinks in liquid form and intended for internal
10	human consumption, exceptfor <u>including</u> unflavored rice milk, unflavored soymilk, milk and dairy-derived products.
12	Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1862, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1993, c. 591,
14	\$1 and affected by $$5$, is further amended to read:
16	2. Beverage container. "Beverage container" means a bottle, can, jar or other container made of glass, metal or
18	plastic that has been sealed by a manufacturer and at the time of sale contains 4 liters or less of a beverage. This term does not
20	include a container composed, in whole or in part, of aluminum and plastic or aluminum and paper in combination as long as the
22	aluminum content represents 10% or less of the unfilled container weight, the container materials represent 5% or less of the total
24	weight of the container and its contents, and the container is filled with a nonalcoholic beverage. <u>"Beverage container" does</u>
26	not include a container that contains more than 24 ounces of unflavored rice milk, unflavored soymilk, milk or dairy-derived
28	products.
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34	This bill subjects to the bottle law rice milk, unflavored soymilk, milk and dairy-derived beverage containers that are 24 ounces in size or less.