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H.P. 798

House of Representatives, March 15, 2011

An Act To Restore Limits on the Location of Licensed Redemption Centers and Improve Operations

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative PRESCOTT of Topsham.
Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and
Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, COTTA of China, CUSHING of Hampden, DAMON
of Bangor, ESPLING of New Gloucester, McKANE of Newcastle, OLSEN of Phippsburg.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1866, sub-§5-A**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 405, §4, is
3 amended to read:

4 **5-A. Plastic bags.** A dealer or redemption center has an obligation to pick up plastic
5 bags that are used by that dealer or redemption center to contain beverage containers.
6 Plastic bags used by a dealer or redemption center ~~and the cost allocation of these bags~~
7 ~~must conform to rules adopted by the department concerning size and gauge. Rules~~
8 ~~adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,~~
9 ~~chapter 375, subchapter 2-A~~ must be no less than 36 inches by 60 inches in size and no
10 less than one millimeter in thickness.

11 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1871-A, sub-§4, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 405, §7, is
12 repealed.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that beverage container redemption centers licensed before April 1,
15 2009 must be counted when determining the number of centers located in a municipality
16 and establishes a standard size and gauge for the plastic bags used by dealers and
17 redemption centers to collect beverage containers.