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Minority

L.D. 1292
(Filing No. H-246)

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 919, L.D. 1292, Bill, "An Act To Minimize the Use of Plastic Bags"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1605 in subsection 5 in the first line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "10¢" and inserting the following: '5¢'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1605 in subsection 5 in the 7th line (page 1, line 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "fees" and inserting the following: 'costs'

Amend the bill by adding after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF
Administration - Environmental Protection 0251**

Initiative: Provides an ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocation and General Fund appropriation to the Department of Environmental Protection for one full-time Office Associate II position and related administrative costs to ensure compliance and enforce requirements of the Plastics Recycling Fund.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$53,776	\$57,424
All Other	\$2,268	\$2,268
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$56,044	\$59,692

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2013-14	2014-15
2	All Other	\$1,387	\$1,387
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4	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,387</u>	<u>\$1,387</u>

5 Remediation and Waste Management 0247

6 Initiative: Provides an ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the
 7 Department of Environmental Protection for one part-time Environmental Specialist III
 8 position and related administrative costs to ensure compliance and enforce requirements
 9 of the Plastics Recycling Fund.

10	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2013-14	2014-15
11	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
12	Personal Services	\$34,091	\$36,337
13	All Other	\$495	\$495
14			
15	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$34,586</u>	<u>\$36,832</u>

16	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,		
17	DEPARTMENT OF		
18	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
19			
20	GENERAL FUND	\$56,044	\$59,692
21	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$35,973	\$38,219
22			
23	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$92,017</u>	<u>\$97,911</u>
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25 SUMMARY

26 This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It changes from 10¢ to 5¢
 27 the surcharge the bill requires a retailer to assess for a plastic bag designed for one-time
 28 use and distributed to a customer at the point of retail sale. The amendment also adds an
 29 appropriations and allocations section.

30 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

31 (See attached)



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1292

LR 1471(03)

An Act To Minimize the Use of Plastic Bags

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment
Committee: Environment and Natural Resources
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

A (H-246)

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$56,044	\$59,692	\$61,415	\$63,189
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$56,044	\$59,692	\$61,415	\$63,189
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$35,973	\$38,219	\$39,309	\$40,432
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$35,973	\$38,219	\$39,309	\$40,432

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$56,044 in FY 2013-14 and \$59,692 in FY 2014-15 and an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$35,973 in FY 2013-14 and \$38,219 in FY 2014-15 for one full-time Office Associate II position and one half-time Environmental Specialist III position and other administrative and technology costs associated with the administration of a Plastics Recycling Fund program. Revenue realized by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) through collection of 3¢ of a 5¢ surcharge assessed on plastic bags designed for one-time use distributed to a customer at the point of retail sale is estimated at \$35,973 in FY 2013-14 and \$38,219 in FY 2014-15. The retailer will retain the other 2¢.