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L.D. 1532

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**STATE OF MAINE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**129TH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1115,  
L.D. 1532, Bill, "An Act To Eliminate Single-use Plastic Carry-out Bags"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the 3rd indented paragraph the following:

'Amend the bill in section 2 in §1611 in subsection 1 in paragraph G in subparagraph (3) in the first line (page 1, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "4" and inserting the following: '2.25' '

Amend the amendment on page 2 in paragraph A by striking out all of subparagraph (1) (page 2, lines 4 and 5 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'(1) All amounts collected pursuant to this paragraph must be distributed to a conservation organization that is identified in rules adopted by the department. Rules adopted pursuant to this subparagraph are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment changes from 4 mils to 2.25 mils the thickness of the plastic bags that qualify as reusable. This amendment also provides that the revenue collected by retail establishments for providing recyclable or reusable bags must be distributed to a conservation organization identified in major substantive rules adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

SPONSORED BY: 

(Representative STEWART)

TOWN: Presque Isle

**HOUSE AMENDMENT**



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1532

LR 2199(05)

## An Act To Eliminate Single-use Plastic Carry-out Bags

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Stewart of Presque Isle

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment changes provisions in the bill that allowed retail establishments to retain the revenue from a 5¢ fee charged for each reusable bag made of plastic and for each recycled paper bag used to bag products at the point of sale. Instead, revenue from the fee will accrue to the Department of Environmental Protection for distribution to conservation organizations selected through rulemaking. An estimate of the revenue generated by the fee and the amount of funding available for distribution to conservation organizations is not made at this time. However, it is expected to be significant.