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H.P. 471

House of Representatives, March 3, 2021

### **An Act To Ban Single-serving, Disposable Plastic Water Bottles**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth,  
KESSLER of South Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1612** is enacted to read:

3 **§1612. Sale of certain plastic water bottles prohibited**

4 **1. Definition.** As used in this section, "plastic" means a synthetic material made from  
5 fossil fuel or organic-based polymers, including polyethylene, polystyrene, polypropylene  
6 and polycarbonate, that can be molded or blown into specific shapes.

7 **2. Plastic water bottles prohibited.** A person may not sell or offer to sell or distribute  
8 for promotional purposes uncarbonated, unflavored drinking water in containers of one liter  
9 or less that are made of plastic.

10 **3. Penalty.** A person who violates this section commits a civil violation subject to  
11 section 349.

12 **4. Exemption.** This section does not apply to a person who sells, offers to sell or  
13 distributes drinking water for the immediate preservation of public health or safety during  
14 an event for which a Governor's state of emergency proclamation has been issued pursuant  
15 to Title 37-B, section 742.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill prohibits the sale, offering for sale and distribution for promotional purposes  
18 of uncarbonated, unflavored drinking water in containers of one liter or less that are made  
19 of plastic, except for the immediate preservation of public health or safety during an event  
20 for which a Governor's state of emergency proclamation has been issued.