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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 367, L.D. 572, "An Act to Remove the 5 Cent Fee for Bags in Retail Stores"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Amend the Law Restricting the Use of Single-use Bags at Retail Establishments'

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble.

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1611, sub-§1, ¶G, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 346, §2, is amended to read:

G. "Reusable bag" means a bag with stitched handles that:

(1) Is designed and manufactured to withstand a minimum of 75 repeated uses;

(2) Is machine washable or made from a material that can be cleaned and disinfected regularly;

(3) If Is made from plastic is at least 4 mils thick polypropylene fabric, polyethylene terephthalate nonwoven fabric, nylon, cloth, hemp or other machine washable fabric; and

(4) Has the capability of carrying a minimum of 18 pounds.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment, instead of removing the 5¢ fee on the use of recycled paper bags and reusable bags made of plastic as in the bill, provides that a reusable bag must have stitched handles and be made from polypropylene fabric, polyethylene terephthalate nonwoven fabric, nylon, cloth, hemp or

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1 other machine washable fabric. The amendment removes the emergency preamble and
2 emergency clause.

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