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### **An Act to Eliminate Television Recycling Fees for Charitable Entities**

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

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1610, sub-§12** is enacted to read:

3 **12. Recycling fees for nonprofit organizations.** Notwithstanding any provision of  
4 this section to the contrary, a municipality or consolidator that accepts covered electronic  
5 devices for recycling in accordance with this section may not charge a covered entity that  
6 is a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under the United States Internal Revenue  
7 Code of 1986, Section 501(c)(3) that employs 100 or fewer individuals a fee to recycle a  
8 covered electronic device that is a television.

9 For the purposes of this subsection, "television" means an electronic device that has a  
10 display and receives video programming via broadcast, cable or satellite transmission;  
11 recorded transmissions from videotape, digital video disc and similar video players; or  
12 video from surveillance or other similar cameras.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill amends the electronic waste law to prohibit a municipality or consolidator that  
15 accepts electronic waste for recycling from charging a nonprofit organization exempt from  
16 taxation under the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 501(c)(3) that  
17 employs 100 or fewer individuals a television recycling fee.