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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” 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.