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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1055, L.D. 1645, “An Act to Reduce Plastic Packaging Waste”

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

'An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Polystyrene Foam Packing Peanuts in the State'

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

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1617 is enacted to read:

§1617. Polystyrene foam packing peanuts

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Polystyrene foam" has the same meaning as in section 1571, subsection 5.

B. "Polystyrene foam packing peanuts" means loose fill material made of polystyrene foam that is used to protect items during shipping or other transportation.

2. Prohibition. Beginning January 1, 2025, a person may not sell, offer for sale or distribute for sale in this State polystyrene foam packing peanuts.

3. Administration and enforcement; education and outreach services. The department shall implement, administer and enforce this section. The department may enter into an agreement with a 3rd-party entity to provide education and outreach services to assist in the implementation of this section.

4. Violations. A person that violates subsection 2 is subject to penalties under section 349.'

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill and changes the title. It provides that, beginning January 1, 2025, a person may not sell, offer for sale or distribute for sale in this State polystyrene foam packing peanuts.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)