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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1377, L.D. 1933, Bill, “An Act To Promote Bulk Retail Purchasing”

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

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §219-A is enacted to read:

§219-A. Reusable containers

The department shall ensure that its rules, established in accordance with the commissioner's rule-making authority in section 12, and guidelines neither preclude business owners from allowing nor require business owners to allow consumers to supply their own containers for the bulk purchase of certain food and nonfood items. The department shall provide technical assistance and education to business owners and consumers regarding best practices for the use of reusable containers.

Sec. 2. Review and report. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall review its rules and guidelines to ensure they are in compliance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 219-A. By February 1, 2021, the department shall provide a report on its progress towards implementation of the requirements of Title 7, section 219-A to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. The amendment requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to ensure that its rules and guidelines neither preclude business owners from allowing nor require business owners to allow consumers to supply their own containers for the bulk purchase of certain food and nonfood items and to provide technical assistance and education regarding best practices. The amendment requires the department to report on its progress by February 1, 2021 to

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