An Act to Eliminate Television Recycling Fees for Charitable Entities

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

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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

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

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

SUMMARY

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