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An Act To Exclude Cardboard Beverage Containers from the Laws Governing Returnable Beverage Containers

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §3102, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14, is amended to read:

2. Beverage container. "Beverage container" means a bottle, can, jar or other container made of glass, metal or plastic that has been sealed by a manufacturer and at the time of sale contains 4 liters or less of a beverage. "Beverage container" does not include a container composed, in whole or in part, of aluminum and plastic or aluminum and paper in combination as long as the aluminum content represents 10% or less of the unfilled container weight, the container materials represent 5% or less of the total weight of the container and its contents and the container is filled with a nonalcoholic beverage. "Beverage container" does not include a container composed of compressed recycled cardboard in combination with a plastic liner.

SUMMARY

This bill excludes from the definition of "beverage container" in the laws governing returnable beverage containers a container composed of compressed recycled cardboard with a plastic liner.