**An Act To Ban Single-serving, Disposable Plastic Water Bottles**

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

**Sec.** **1. 38 MRSA §1612** is enacted to read:

**§****1612.** **Sale of certain plastic water bottles prohibited**

**1.** **Definition.** As used in this section, "plastic" means a synthetic material made from fossil fuel or organic-based polymers, including polyethylene, polystyrene, polypropylene and polycarbonate, that can be molded or blown into specific shapes.

**2.** **Plastic water bottles prohibited.** A person may not sell or offer to sell or distribute for promotional purposes uncarbonated, unflavored drinking water in containers of one liter or less that are made of plastic.

**3.** **Penalty.** A person who violates this section commits a civil violation subject to section 349.

**4.** **Exemption.** This section does not apply to a person who sells, offers to sell or distributes drinking water for the immediate preservation of public health or safety during an event for which a Governor's state of emergency proclamation has been issued pursuant to Title 37-B, section 742.

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits the sale, offering for sale and distribution for promotional purposes of uncarbonated, unflavored drinking water in containers of one liter or less that are made of plastic, except for the immediate preservation of public health or safety during an event for which a Governor's state of emergency proclamation has been issued.