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House of Representatives, April 10, 2025

An Act to Clarify the Prohibition on the Sale of Beverages in Plastic Containers

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT

Clerk

Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and
Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MOONEN of Portland, RIELLY of
Westbrook, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, Senators: BICKFORD of Androscoggin,
BRENNER of Cumberland, MARTIN of Oxford, PIERCE of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §3102, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Closure device. "Closure device" means the part of a beverage container that closes or seals the container. "Closure device" includes, but is not limited to, a cap, cover, lid, cork, plug or similar device. A closure device does not need to be removable in order for the contents of the beverage container to be consumed.

SUMMARY

Current law prohibits the sale of a beverage to a consumer in a container composed of one or more plastics if the basic structure of the container, exclusive of the closure device, also includes aluminum or steel. This bill enacts a definition of "closure device."