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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1358, L.D. 2134, “An Act Regarding Responsibility for Activities Intended to Increase the Use of Refillable and Reusable Beverage Containers”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §3107, sub-§3-B, ¶F-1 is enacted to read:

F-1. After consultation with the department and interested persons, the cooperative shall contract with a 3rd-party entity to complete a study by July 15, 2026 to determine the feasibility of achieving goals of 5% refillable and reusable beverage containers sold in the State by 2030, by 2040 and by 2050 and 10% refillable and reusable beverage containers sold in the State by 2030, by 2040 and by 2050 and to determine the infrastructure and investments that would be necessary to support those goals and shall provide the results of the study, along with any related recommendations, to the department. After reviewing the results of the study and any recommendations of the cooperative, the department shall include the results of the study, along with any additional comments or recommendations from the department, in the report required by section 3115, subsection 3 that is due by February 15, 2027.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §3108-A, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 482, §28 and affected by §43, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (4-A) to read:

(4-A) Funding of activities and infrastructure designed to increase the use of refillable and reusable beverage containers and reusable beverage packaging in the State. The cooperative may expend funds under this subparagraph to support activities and infrastructure designed to increase the use of other types of reusable packaging in the State. The cooperative shall make available a minimum of \$500,000 per calendar year for these activities, which may include, but are not limited to:

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