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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 43, L.D. 56, Bill, “An Act To Include 50 Milliliter and Smaller Liquor Bottles in the Laws Governing Returnable Containers”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Reduce Roadside Litter by Increasing the Penalties for Littering'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §2264-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. I, §34 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Disposal of 15 pounds or less or 27 cubic feet or less of litter. A person who disposes of 15 pounds or less or 27 cubic feet or less of litter commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than ~~\$100~~ \$500 and not more than ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 may be adjudged.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §2264-A, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 208, §4, is further amended to read:

1-A. Disposal of 15 pounds or less or 27 cubic feet or less of litter; subsequent offenses. A person who violates subsection 1 after having previously violated subsection 1 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 and not more than ~~\$1,000~~ \$1,500 may be adjudged.

Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §2264-A, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 208, §4, is amended to read:

A. Shall impose a fine of not less than ~~\$500~~ \$1,000;

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill, changes the title and increases the penalties for civil violations of the State's littering laws as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

