

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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H.P. 641 - L.D. 885

An Act To Promote Bulk Retail Purchasing

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §219-A is enacted to read:

§219-A. Reusable containers

The department shall ensure that its rules, established in accordance with the commissioner's rule-making authority in section 12, and guidelines neither preclude business owners from allowing nor require business owners to allow consumers to supply their own containers for the bulk purchase of shelf-stable food and nonfood items. The department shall provide technical assistance and education to business owners and consumers regarding best practices for the use of reusable containers.

Sec. 2. Review and report. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall review its rules and guidelines to ensure they are in compliance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 219-A. By February 1, 2022, the department shall provide a report on its progress toward implementation of the requirements of Title 7, section 219-A to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.