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This Emergency Bill is unnecessary and will only lead to an increase in roadside trash and plastic waste resulting from plastic bags being carelessly thrown away. Ever since the plastic bag ban was passed the amount of roadside trash in Maine has decreased substantially. When I shop at Hanaford almost everyone brings their own heavy duty reusable bags and very few pay the 5 cents to buy a bag. I have never heard anyone complaining about a "hardship" having to pay a nickel if they forgot to bring a reusable bag.

People have adapted to bringing their own reusable bags. This bill is wasteful and unnecessary.