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House of Representatives, March 1, 2011

An Act To Encourage the Use of Reusable Bags

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5219-FF** is enacted to read:

3 **§5219-FF. Credit for reusable bags**

4 A credit is allowed to a retailer as defined in section 1752, subsection 10 equal to the
5 amount provided to customers of the retailer as compensation for the use of reusable
6 bags. The credit may not exceed \$75,000. This credit may not reduce the amount of
7 taxes otherwise owed under this Part below zero.

8 **Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1,
9 2011.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill provides an income tax credit up to \$75,000 to retailers that provide
12 compensation to customers for the use of reusable bags.