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### **An Act To Restore Limits on the Location of Licensed Redemption Centers and Improve Operations**

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Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PRESCOTT of Topsham.  
Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and  
Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, COTTA of China, CUSHING of Hampden, DAMON  
of Bangor, ESPLING of New Gloucester, McKANE of Newcastle, OLSEN of Phippsburg.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1866, sub-§5-A**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 405, §4, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **5-A. Plastic bags.** A dealer or redemption center has an obligation to pick up plastic  
5 bags that are used by that dealer or redemption center to contain beverage containers.  
6 Plastic bags used by a dealer or redemption center ~~and the cost allocation of these bags~~  
7 ~~must conform to rules adopted by the department concerning size and gauge. Rules~~  
8 ~~adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,~~  
9 ~~chapter 375, subchapter 2-A~~ must be no less than 36 inches by 60 inches in size and no  
10 less than one millimeter in thickness.

11 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1871-A, sub-§4, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 405, §7, is  
12 repealed.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that beverage container redemption centers licensed before April 1,  
15 2009 must be counted when determining the number of centers located in a municipality  
16 and establishes a standard size and gauge for the plastic bags used by dealers and  
17 redemption centers to collect beverage containers.