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An Act to Include Brush and Yard Debris in the Definition of "Litter"

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative: BUNKER of Farmington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §2263, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 510, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Litter.** "Litter" means all waste materials including, but not limited to, bottles;
5 glass; crockery; cans; scrap metal; junk; paper; garbage; rubbish; brush; yard debris;
6 offal, except waste parts or remains resulting from the normal field dressing of lawfully
7 harvested wild game or the lawful use of waste parts or remains of wild game as bait;
8 feathers, except feathers from live birds while being transported; abandoned ice-fishing
9 shacks; old automobiles or parts of automobiles or similar refuse; or disposable packages
10 or containers thrown or deposited as prohibited in this chapter, but not including the wastes
11 of the primary processes of mining, logging, sawmilling, farming or manufacturing.
12 "Litter" includes waste materials resulting from or associated with the use of tobacco
13 products, including, but not limited to, cigarette butts; all waste materials resulting from
14 the outdoor release or abandonment of a balloon; and all waste materials resulting from the
15 use of consumer fireworks.

16 For the purposes of this subsection, "tobacco product" has the same meaning as in Title 22,
17 section 1551, subsection 3 and "consumer fireworks" has the same meaning as in Title 8,
18 section 221-A, subsection 1-A.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill amends the Maine Litter Control Act by adding brush and yard debris to the
21 definition of "litter."