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**ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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126TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 919, L.D. 1292, Bill, “An Act To Minimize the Use of Plastic Bags”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1605 in subsection 5 in the first line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "10¢" and inserting the following: '5¢'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1605 in subsection 5 in the 7th line (page 1, line 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "fees" and inserting the following: 'costs'

Amend the bill by adding after section 2 the following:

**'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF  
Administration - Environmental Protection 0251**

Initiative: Provides an ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocation and General Fund appropriation to the Department of Environmental Protection for one full-time Office Associate II position and related administrative costs to ensure compliance and enforce requirements of the Plastics Recycling Fund.

| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>           | <b>2013-14</b>  | <b>2014-15</b>  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT | 1.000           | 1.000           |
| Personal Services             | \$53,776        | \$57,424        |
| All Other                     | \$2,268         | \$2,268         |
| <b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>     | <b>\$56,044</b> | <b>\$59,692</b> |

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

|   |  |                |                |
|---|--|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>       | <b>2013-14</b> | <b>2014-15</b> |
| 2 | All Other                                | \$1,387        | \$1,387        |
| 3 |  |                |                |
| 4 | <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b> | <u>\$1,387</u> | <u>\$1,387</u> |

5 **Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

6 Initiative: Provides an ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the  
 7 Department of Environmental Protection for one part-time Environmental Specialist III  
 8 position and related administrative costs to ensure compliance and enforce requirements  
 9 of the Plastics Recycling Fund.

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|----|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| 10 | <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>       | <b>2013-14</b>  | <b>2014-15</b>  |
| 11 | POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT            | 0.500           | 0.500           |
| 12 | Personal Services                        | \$34,091        | \$36,337        |
| 13 | All Other                                | \$495           | \$495           |
| 14 |  |                 |                 |
| 15 | <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b> | <u>\$34,586</u> | <u>\$36,832</u> |

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|----|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 16 | <b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,</b>    |                        |                        |
| 17 | <b>DEPARTMENT OF</b>                |                        |                        |
| 18 | <b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>            | <b>2013-14</b>         | <b>2014-15</b>         |
| 19 |                                     |                        |                        |
| 20 | <b>GENERAL FUND</b>                 | <b>\$56,044</b>        | <b>\$59,692</b>        |
| 21 | <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>  | <b>\$35,973</b>        | <b>\$38,219</b>        |
| 22 |                                     |                        |                        |
| 23 | <b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b> | <u><b>\$92,017</b></u> | <u><b>\$97,911</b></u> |
| 24 |                                     |                        |                        |

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It changes from 10¢ to 5¢  
 27 the surcharge the bill requires a retailer to assess for a plastic bag designed for one-time  
 28 use and distributed to a customer at the point of retail sale. The amendment also adds an  
 29 appropriations and allocations section.

30 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

31 **(See attached)**