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In Senate, January 24, 2017

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### **An Act To Exclude Cardboard Beverage Containers from the Laws Governing Returnable Beverage Containers**

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

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.  
Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §3102, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14, is amended  
3 to read:

4 **2. Beverage container.** "Beverage container" means a bottle, can, jar or other  
5 container made of glass, metal or plastic that has been sealed by a manufacturer and at the  
6 time of sale contains 4 liters or less of a beverage. "Beverage container" does not include  
7 a container composed, in whole or in part, of aluminum and plastic or aluminum and  
8 paper in combination as long as the aluminum content represents 10% or less of the  
9 unfilled container weight, the container materials represent 5% or less of the total weight  
10 of the container and its contents and the container is filled with a nonalcoholic beverage.  
11 "Beverage container" does not include a container composed of compressed recycled  
12 cardboard in combination with a plastic liner.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill excludes from the definition of "beverage container" in the laws governing  
15 returnable beverage containers a container composed of compressed recycled cardboard  
16 with a plastic liner.