



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5717

LCO No. 2473

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT BANNING RETAIL USE OF PLASTIC BAGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) On and after January
2 1, 2010, no retailer shall use or distribute nonbiodegradable plastic
3 bags for the purpose of holding products purchased by a consumer.
4 For the purposes of this section, "retailer" means any person who sells
5 goods used primarily for personal, family or household purposes to a
6 person who is not in the business of reselling such goods.
- 7 (b) Any retailer violating this section shall be fined not more than
8 two hundred dollars for the first offense and not more than one
9 thousand dollars for each subsequent offense. Each day that such
10 violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the retail use of nonbiodegradable plastic bags after January 1, 2010.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]