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**Introducer(s):**

Environment Committee

**Title:** AN ACT PROMOTING REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS.

**Statement of Purpose:** To encourage the use of reusable bags in retail stores by imposing a five-cent fee on plastic and paper shopping bags, with the proceeds to be used by the Department of Environmental Protection.

**Bill History:**

01/20/09 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Environment Committee  
01/29/09 PUBLIC HEARING 02/02  
02/13/09 VOTE TO DRAFT  
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03/05/09 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Environment Committee  
03/13/09 JOINT FAVORABLE SUBSTITUTE  
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03/31/09 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 257  
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05/07/09 Tabled for the Calendar, House  
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