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Committee Bill No. 6313

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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC AND PAPER BAGS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) For the purposes of
2 this section:

3 (1) "Single-use carryout bag" means a bag made of plastic, paper or
4 other material that is provided by a store to a customer at the point of
5 sale, customarily without a fee, and that is not one hundred per cent
6 recyclable. "Single-use carryout bag" does not include any of the
7 following: (A) A bag provided by a pharmacy to a customer
8 purchasing a prescription medication, (B) a nonhandled bag used to
9 protect a purchased item from damaging or contaminating other
10 purchased items when placed in a one hundred per cent recyclable
11 bag, a compostable bag, a recycled paper bag or a reusable bag, (C) a
12 bag provided to contain an unwrapped food item, or (D) a nonhandled
13 bag that is designed to be placed over: (i) Articles of clothing on a
14 hanger, or (ii) a newspaper.

15 (2) "Store" means a retail establishment that meets any of the

16 following requirements: (A) Is a full-line, self-service retail store with
17 gross annual sales of two million dollars or more and that sells a line of
18 dry groceries, canned goods or nonfood items and some perishable
19 items, (B) contains not less than ten thousand square feet of retail space
20 that generates sales or use tax in accordance with title 12 of the general
21 statutes, (C) is a convenience food store, foodmart or other entity that
22 is engaged in the retail sale of a limited line of goods, generally
23 including milk, bread, soda and snack foods, or (D) is a convenience
24 food store, foodmart or other entity that is engaged in the retail sale of
25 goods intended to be consumed off the premises.

26 (b) (1) On and after October 1, 2017, no store shall provide or sell to
27 any customer at the point of sale a single-use carryout bag at a cost of
28 less than five cents.

29 (2) Any funds collected by a store pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
30 subsection shall be deposited with the Commissioner of Revenue
31 Services who shall make such funds available to the Commissioner of
32 Energy and Environmental Protection for environmental conservation
33 purposes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a tax for single-use carry out plastic and paper bags, use funds from such tax for environmental purposes and encourage consumers to use reusable bags.

[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.]

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