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SB-1003

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC AND PAPER BAGS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Less than 2,500	Less than 2,500

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Revenue Gain	Less than 2,500	Less than 2,500

Explanation

The bill, beginning January 1, 2020: (1) prohibits stores from providing or selling plastic single-use carryout bags, and (2) requires paper single-use carryout bags that a store provides to a customer to be 100% recyclable, have at least 40% post-consumer recycled content, and conspicuously display “Please Reuse and Recycle This Bag” on the bag.

The bill also provides municipalities, health districts, and the Departments of Consumer Protection (DCP) and Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) the authority to enforce its requirements. It subjects store owners or operators who violate these requirements to receive a warning for a first violation. The second and

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subsequent violations are subject to \$250 fines.

It is estimated that less than \$5,000 annually will be generated from violations of the bill's provisions. The bill requires half of any fine imposed by a municipality or health district to be kept by the municipality where the violation occurred. The other half would be split between DCP and DEEP.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of violations.