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

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact.

Instead, the strike-all amendment: (1) prohibits stores from providing or selling plastic single-use carryout bags, and (2) requires paper single-use carryout bags provided by a store 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 amendment 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 subsequent violations are subject to \$250 fines.

Beginning in FY 22, it is estimated that less than \$5,000 annually will

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be generated from violations of the amendment's provisions; 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.

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