

HOUSE BILL 217

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HB 1130/16 – ENV & ECM

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By: **Prince George’s County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2018

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County – Authority to Impose Fees for Use of Disposable Bags**

3 **PG 420–18**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing Prince George’s County to impose, by law, a fee on certain
5 retail establishments for use of disposable bags as part of a retail sale of products;
6 limiting the amount of a certain fee; defining certain terms; and generally relating
7 to the authority for Prince George’s County to impose a fee for use of disposable bags.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Local Government

10 Section 13–1001 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 10. Miscellaneous Provisions”

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2013 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Local Government**

16 **SUBTITLE 10. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

17 **13–1001.**

18 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

19 **(B) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
20 **INDICATED.**

21 **(2) (I) “DISPOSABLE BAG” MEANS A PLASTIC BAG PROVIDED BY A**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 STORE TO A CUSTOMER AT THE POINT OF SALE.

2 (II) "DISPOSABLE BAG" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

3 1. A DURABLE PLASTIC BAG WITH HANDLES THAT IS AT
4 LEAST 2.25 MILS THICK AND IS DESIGNED AND MANUFACTURED FOR MULTIPLE
5 REUSE;

6 2. A BAG USED TO:

7 A. PACKAGE BULK ITEMS, INCLUDING FRUIT,
8 VEGETABLES, NUTS, GRAINS, CANDY, OR SMALL HARDWARE ITEMS;

9 B. CONTAIN OR WRAP FROZEN FOODS, MEAT, OR FISH,
10 WHETHER PREPACKAGED OR NOT;

11 C. CONTAIN OR WRAP FLOWERS, POTTED PLANTS, OR
12 OTHER DAMP ITEMS;

13 D. CONTAIN UNWRAPPED PREPARED FOODS OR BAKERY
14 GOODS; OR

15 E. CONTAIN A NEWSPAPER OR DRY CLEANING;

16 3. A BAG PROVIDED BY A PHARMACIST TO CONTAIN
17 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS; AND

18 4. PLASTIC BAGS SOLD IN PACKAGES CONTAINING
19 MULTIPLE PLASTIC BAGS INTENDED FOR USE AS GARBAGE, PET WASTE, OR YARD
20 WASTE BAGS.

21 (3) "STORE" MEANS A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT THAT PROVIDES
22 DISPOSABLE BAGS TO CUSTOMERS AS A RESULT OF THE SALE OF A PRODUCT.

23 (C) (1) THE COUNTY MAY IMPOSE, BY LAW, A FEE ON A STORE FOR THE
24 USE OF DISPOSABLE BAGS AS A PART OF A RETAIL SALE OF PRODUCTS.

25 (2) THE FEE IMPOSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION
26 MAY NOT EXCEED 5 CENTS FOR EACH DISPOSABLE BAG USED.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2018.