

HOUSE BILL 1067

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Government – Fee for Plastic and Paper Carryout Bags – Prohibition on**
3 **Charge**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain retailers that are authorized or required by a local
5 law to charge a fee to a customer for a plastic or paper carryout bag from charging
6 the fee if the customer’s form of payment uses federal Supplemental Nutrition
7 Assistance Program or federal Special Supplemental Food Program for Women,
8 Infants, and Children benefits; and generally relating to local fees for plastic and
9 paper carryout bags.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Local Government
12 Section 1–1321
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Local Government**

18 **1–1321.**

19 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “RETAILER” MEANS A PERSON ENGAGED IN THE**
20 **RETAIL SALE OF GOODS.**

21 **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO EACH COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITY.**

22 **(C) IF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY ENACTS A LOCAL LAW THAT**
23 **AUTHORIZES OR REQUIRES A RETAILER TO CHARGE A FEE AT THE POINT OF SALE**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 FOR PROVIDING A PLASTIC OR PAPER CARRYOUT BAG TO A CUSTOMER, THE
2 RETAILER MAY NOT CHARGE THE FEE FOR ANY TRANSACTION FOR WHICH THE
3 CUSTOMER MAKES A PURCHASE USING A FORM OF PAYMENT ISSUED AS PART OF:

4 (1) THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE
5 PROGRAM; OR

6 (2) THE FEDERAL SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM FOR
7 WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2025.