

HOUSE BILL 1232

L2, L3

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Government – Fees, Receipts, and Penalties for Plastic and Paper**
3 **Carryout Bags**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain retailers that charge a fee for providing a plastic or
5 paper carryout bag to a customer under a local law to provide a receipt to a customer
6 that includes the fee amount charged and the number of bags issued to the customer;
7 and generally relating to local fees for plastic and paper carryout bags.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Local Government

10 Section 1–1321

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2013 Volume and 2024 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 **1–1321.**

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

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

20 **(C) IF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY ENACTS A LOCAL LAW THAT**
21 **AUTHORIZES OR REQUIRES A RETAILER TO CHARGE A FEE AT THE POINT OF SALE**
22 **FOR PROVIDING A PLASTIC OR PAPER CARRYOUT BAG TO A CUSTOMER, THE COUNTY**
23 **OR MUNICIPALITY SHALL:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) REQUIRE A RETAILER THAT CHARGES THE FEE TO PROVIDE A**
2 **RECEIPT TO A CUSTOMER THAT CLEARLY IDENTIFIES THE FEE AMOUNT CHARGED**
3 **AND NUMBER OF PLASTIC OR PAPER CARRYOUT BAGS ISSUED TO THE CUSTOMER;**
4 **AND**

5 **(2) PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF ITEM (1) OF THIS**
6 **SUBSECTION THROUGH A SYSTEM OF CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AS**
7 **FOLLOWS:**

8 **(I) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING**
9 **\$250;**

10 **(II) FOR A SECOND OFFENSE, A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING**
11 **\$500; AND**

12 **(III) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A CIVIL PENALTY**
13 **NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.**

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