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HB 1067

DATE: March 5, 2025

SPONSOR: Delegate Conaway

ASSIGNED TO: Environment and Transportation Committee

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POSITION: Favorable (Department of Environmental Protection)

Local Government - Fee for Plastic and Paper Carryout Bags - Prohibition on Charge

This legislation would prohibit retailers from charging fees for plastic and paper carryout bags to customers enrolled in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

The Montgomery County Council supports this concept and included it in similar legislation that the County recently passed in its *Bring Your Own Bag (BYOB) Bill (County Bill 24-24)*. This County bill will also ban single-use plastic carryout bags, reduce obstacles to compliance for retailers and increase funding for water quality protection projects to build a cleaner future for Montgomery County. County Bill 24-24 has an effective date of January 1, 2026.

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection supports this legislation with a preference that the effective date be amended to January 1, 2026 to align with Montgomery County's aforementioned law.

We respectfully request that the Environment and Transportation Committee give House Bill 1067 a favorable report.