

TOTAL STATE BILLS: 69 Taxes: 21 Bans: 24 Recycling: 12 Misc.: 12
TOTAL LOCAL BILLS: 2 Taxes: 1 Bans: 1 Recycling: 0
STATUS: Total Defeated: 7 (1) (4) (3)
Total Enacted: 0

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Bill Type	Bill	Bill Summary	Status
TAX	AK SB 22	An Act establishing a fee for disposable plastic bags distributed by retail sellers of goods or services to purchasers to carry away or protect goods; establishing the Alaska litter and marine debris reduction and recycling fund; and providing for an effective date.	REFERRED TO Senate RESOURCES - 01/21/2009
RECYCLING MANDATE	AZ HB 2416	Amending title 49, chapter 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, by required retailers to establish at-store recycling programs for plastic bags.	DEAD—Defeated by House Environment Committee - 02/24/2009
TAX	CA AB 68	An act to add Chapter 5.3 (commencing with Section 42280) to Part 3 of Division 30 of the Public Resources Code, by imposing a .25 cent tax on single-use carryout bags.	Referred to Assembly Com. on NAT. RES. - 02/05/2009
TAX	CA AB 87	Amending existing law to impose a .25 cent tax single-use carryout bags	Referred to Assembly Com. on NAT. RES. - 02/05/2009
RECYCLED CONTENT	CA AB 1141	Among other requirements, provides for recycled-content in plastic carryout bags.	Introduced - 02/27/2009

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COMPOST-TABLE/DE-GRADABLE	CA SB 228	Would require a manufacturer of a marine degradable or compostable plastic bag meeting certain standards ensure that these bags are readily and easily identifiable from other plastic bags.	Introduced - 02/23/2009
EPR FEE	CA SB 531	Would establish the Single-use Carryout Bag Responsibility Act and would require, on and after July 1, 2011, the suppliers of plastic or paper single-use carryout bags to remit a fee to the state for litter abatement.	Introduced - 02/27/2009
BAN	CO SB 156	Creates the "Plastic Bag Reduction Act" (act), which prohibits a store that meets certain criteria from providing plastic bags to customers on and after July 1, 2012.	DEAD – Defeated by the Senate - 02/24/2009
BAN	CT HB 5005	To encourage the use of reusable checkout bags and to prohibit retailers from providing plastic bags to carry purchased goods.	Referred to Joint Committee on Environment - 01/07/2009
TAX	CT HB 5107	To mandate that stores levy a .05 cent tax on plastic bags and that the proceeds be used for a renewable energy fund.	Referred to Joint Committee on Environment - 01/15/2009

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TAX	CT HB 5207	To amend the general statutes to require grocery stores and retailers to collect a .05 cent tax on each paper and plastic bag dispensed to consumers.	Referred to Joint Committee on Environment - 01/20/2009 ; public hearings 1/29 and 2/2
TAX	CT HB 5215	To reduce plastic waste and encourage the use of reusable bags in retail stores by imposing a five-cent fee on plastic shopping bags.	Reported from the Joint Committee on Environment – 03/13/2009
BAN	CT HB 5273	To ban the retail use of non-biodegradable bags on and after January 1, 2011.	Referred to Joint Committee on Environment - 01/21/2009
RECYCLING MANDATE	CT HB 5466	To require retail establishments providing plastic shopping bags to accept the return of such bags and to recycle such bags.	Referred to Joint Committee on Environment - 01/20/2009 ; public hearings 1/29 and 2/2
TAX	CT HB 5479	To reduce plastic waste and encourage the use of reusable bags in retail stores by imposing a five-cent fee on plastic shopping bags.	Referred to Joint Committee on Environment - 01/22/2009
TAX/ RECYCLING MANDATE	CT HB 5492	To require the recycling of plastic shopping bags and to impose a fee on each plastic or paper shopping bag provided to reduce the amount of solid waste produced in the state.	Referred to Joint Committee on Environment - 01/20/2009 ; public hearings 1/29 and 2/2

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TAX	CT HB 6314	To impose a fee of .05 cents for each bag provided by grocery stores to lessen landfill waste.	Referred to Joint Committee on Environment - 01/30/2009
MANDATORY RECYCLING	DE HB 15	Would require stores of at least 7,000 square feet to establish by 2010 an at-store recycling program that provides an opportunity for customers to return clean plastic carry-out bag for recycling.	Passed by House of Representatives (39-1) 03/26/2009
TAX	DC B18-0150	Would impose a .05 cent fee on plastic or paper bags at liquor stores, grocery stores, drug stores and other businesses. The fee would be split between businesses and the city, with the District using its share to help clean the Anacostia River and offer free reusable bags to elderly and low-income residents.	Introduced, referred to Finance and Revenue, Government Operations and the Environment - 02/17/2009 — Joint public hearing scheduled for April 1, at 2pm, Room 120, Wilson Bldg.
BAN	HI HB 1357 (same as HB 1292)	Prohibits non-biodegradable plastic checkout bags; would retailers in the State to distribute only recyclable paper, reusable or compostable checkout bags.	Referred to House EEP, EBM, FIN Committee - 01/30/2009

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BIO-DEGRADABLE STANDARDS	HI HCR 43	Among other things, requests the Department of Health to form a task force to establish minimum statewide standards for biodegradability for plastic grocery bags and food containers.	Referred to House HLT, CPC Committee - 02/02/2009
BAN	HI HCR 61	Provides for non-compostable plastic bag reduction.	Introduced in the House 02/10/2009
BAN	HI HR 49	Provides for non-compostable plastic bag reduction.	Introduced in the House 02/10/2009
BAN	HI SB 244	Provides a refund or store credit to retail customers who do not use plastic shopping bags offered by the retailer at no additional charge.	Senate committee on ENE deferred the measure until 02-12-09
RECYCLING MANDATE/BAN	HI SB 245	Establishes a statewide at-store plastic carryout bag recycling program, requiring certain retailers to collect and recycle plastic bags in their stores. Creates a ban on plastic bags effective January 1, 2011.	Senate committee on ENE deferred the measure until 02-12-09.
BAN	HI SB 584	Prohibits distribution of plastic shopping bags by retail stores and supermarkets in the State.	Reported from Senate Committee on Environment 2-19-09

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TAX	HI SB 1163	Requires distributors that sell and distribute plastic shopping bags to stores for use by consumers to pay to the department of health a fee of .05 cents per shopping bag.	Referred to Senate ENE/HMS, WAM Committee - 01/30/2009
BAN	HI SB 1292 (same as HB 1357)	Requires retailers in the State to distribute only recyclable paper, reusable, or compostable checkout bags.	Re-Referred to Senate ENE/CPN, JGO Committee - 02/02/2009
RECYCLING MANDATE	IL HB 334	Creates the Grocers' Mandatory Plastic Bag Recycling Act. Mandates the owner of each grocery store in Illinois to implement a plastic bag recycling program within 90 days after the effective date of this Act and provides various related requirements.	DEAD -- Failed to be reported by Environmental Health Committee before deadline.
VOLUNTARY RECYCLING LAW CORRECTION	IL HB 1862	Amends the Plastic Bag Recycling Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.	House Referred to Executive Committee - 02/19/2009
VOLUNTARY RECYCLING LAW CORRECTION	IL SB 859	Amends the Plastic Bag Recycling Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.	Senate Referred to Assignments - 02/06/2009

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TAX	ME LD 367	This bill requires retailers to charge .10 cents for each plastic bag used by customers. The funds must be remitted to the Department of Environmental Protection and deposited into the Waste Reduction and Recycling Loan Fund.	REFERRED to the House Committee on NATURALRESOURCES. In concurrence - 02/05/2009
REUSABLE MANDATE	ME LD 622	Requires retailers with 30,000 square feet or more of space to provide bags made out of cloth or other durable fabric to a customer upon request, and at no charge to the customer, at least twice a year.	REFERRED to Senate Committee on BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on 02/17/2009
TAX	MD HB 1210	Requires all retail stores to charge and collect .05 cents for each paper or plastic carryout bag it provides to a customer and also authorizes stores to retain a specified amount of the fee under specified circumstances.	Hearing before Environmental Matters Committee 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.
BAN	MA HB 719	Prohibits supermarkets or pharmacies, as defined, from providing a checkout bag to a consumer unless the bag is either a compostable plastic bag, a recyclable paper bag, or a reusable bag.	Introduced in the House - 01/16/2009

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BAN	MA HB 798	Prohibits retailers with annual sales exceeding \$500,000 from providing plastic carryout bags.	Introduced in the House - 01/16/2009
TAX	MA HB 2686	Requires supermarkets with annual sales in excess of \$1M to impose a .05 cent tax on every plastic carryout bag provided to their customers.	Introduced in the House - 01/16/2009
BAN	MA SB 395	Prohibits stores from provide plastic carryout our bags to consumers.	Introduced in the Senate - 01/16/2009
TAX	MA SB 1284	Requires stores with annual sales in excess of \$1M to impose a .02 cent tax on every plastic carryout bag provided to their customers.	Introduced in the Senate - 01/16/2009
RECYCLING MANDATE	MN HF 41	Provides for establishment of in-store recycling program for plastic bag and film collection and recycling.	House Environment Policy and Oversight Committee 1/12/09
BIO- AND DEGRADABLE BAG LABELING STANDARDS	MN HF 403	Among other requirements, provides for the establishment of labeling standards for compostable, biodegradable and degradable plastic bags and containers,	House Environment Policy and Oversight Committee 1/29/09
RECYCLING MANDATE	MN HF 576 (same as SF 267)	Provides for establishment of in-store recycling program for plastic bag and film collection and recycling.	House Environment Policy and Oversight Committee 2/05/09

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RECYCLING MANDATE	MN SF 267 (same as HF 576)	Provides for plastic bag recycling by requiring retailers to establish in-store recycling programs and specifying program and reporting requirements; requiring manufacturers to make collection and recycling arrangements with retailers upon request.	Referred to Senate Environment and Natural Resources - 01/26/2009
BIO- AND DEGRADABLE BAG LABELING STANDARDS	MN SF 383	Among other requirements, provides for the establishment of labeling standards for compostable, biodegradable and degradable plastic bags and containers.	Referred to Senate Environment and Natural Resources - 2/02/2009
BAN	MO SB 340	Creates the Plastic Bag Reduction Act to require supermarkets and pharmacies to exclusively provide recyclable paper bags, compostable bags, or reusable cloth bags beginning January 28, 2010.	Second Read and Referred Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee - 02/11/2009
BAN	NY SB 544	Requires retail businesses to restrict the use of non-compostable plastic bags.	Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Consumer Protection - 01/07/2009
BAN	NY AB 6070	Would prohibit plastic carryout bags by requiring all large retail supermarkets with \$2M or more in annual sales to provide only paper bags, compostable plastic bags, or reusable bags to their customers.	Introduced and referred to committee on Assembly Environmental Conservation - 02/24/2009

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REUSABLE REBATE	NY AB 6144	Provides a rebate incentive for reusable bags by requiring store operators to pay customers at least 2 cents for each bag brought in to carry out purchased goods.	Introduced and referred to committee on Assembly Environmental Conservation - 02/26/2009
TAX	NY AB 6537	Imposes a .15 cent tax on plastic shopping bags used to transport every sale of tangible personal property by consumers.	Introduced and referred to Assembly Ways and Means Committee - 03/06/2009
BAG REDUCTION COMMISSION	NY AB 6937	Would establish a temporary state commission on disposable merchandise bags to examine and assess means to reduce the adverse impact of such bags on the environment.	Introduced and referred to Assembly committee on Environmental Conservation - 03/17/2009
TAX	NV SB 397	<i>Would require retailers to impose a .10 cent fee on non-biodegradable and non-compostable plastic bags provided to customers between October 1, 2009, and June 30, 2011, and would outright ban such bags after July 1, 2011; also provides penalties.</i>	Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor - 03/23/2009
BAN	NC HB 810 (same as SB 1018)	<i>Prohibits retailers that have more than 5,000 sq. ft. of space or part of a retail chain from providing plastic bags to customers unless the bag is a reusable bag or a compostable plastic bag.</i>	Introduced and referred to the House Environment and Natural Resources - 03/26/2009

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BAN	<i><u>NC SB 1018</u></i> <i>(same as HB 810)</i>	<i>Prohibits retailers that have more than 5,000 square feet of retail or wholesale space or is one of a retail chain from providing customers with plastic bags unless the bag is a reusable bag or a compostable plastic bag.</i>	<i><u>Senate Ref To Com On Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources - 03/26/2009</u></i>
BAN	<u>Philadelphia (PA) 090074</u>	Requires all supermarkets and pharmacies to provide only recyclable paper bags, reusable bags, or compostable plastic bags.	<i><u>Introduced 2/05/09 and referred to Committee on Environment— Public hearing rescheduled Friday, May 1, 2009 at 10:00 am in Room 400, City Hall.</u></i>
TAX	<u>Philadelphia (PA) 090075</u>	Would require all grocery stores, drug stores, and convenient stores to charge a .25 cent fee on disposable paper or plastic disposable shopping bags.	<i><u>Introduced 2/05/09 and referred to Committee on Environment—Public hearing rescheduled Friday, May 1, 2009 at 10:00 am in Room 400, City Hall.</u></i>
BAN	<u>PA SB 609</u>	Act prohibiting grocery stores from providing to purchasers paper and plastic bags for goods purchased at grocery stores.	<i><u>Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy - 03/19/2009</u></i>

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TAX	<i>RI SB 804</i>	<i>This act would require every retail establishment to provide an instant rebate of five cents (\$0.05) for every reusable bag each customer provides for its purchased goods. It would also require every retail establishment to charge a fee of fifteen cents (\$0.15) for every plastic bag provided to customers.</i>	Introduced and referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture - 03/24/2009
RECYCLING MANDATE	TX HB 1867 (same as SB 338)	Relating to requirements for businesses that offer plastic checkout bags to customers; provides for establishment of in-store recycling programs.	Referred to House Environmental Regulation - 03/05/2009
MANDATORY RECYCLING	TX HB 3427	Requires businesses or shopping malls that offer plastic checkout bags to customers to provide for in-store recycling programs.	INTRODCUED 03/11/2009
TAX	TX HB 1361	Would impose a .07 fee on plastic bags provided to customers by retailers.	Referred Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee - 02/11/2009
RECYCLING MANDATE	TX SB 338	Relating to requirements for businesses that offer plastic checkout bags to customers; provides for establishment of in-store recycling programs.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce - 02/11/2009

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BAN	VA HB 1814	Bans the use of plastic carryout bags by retailers at the point of sale unless such bags are (i) durable plastic bags with handles; (ii) at least 2.25 mils thick; and (iii) specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse.	DEAD--Left in House Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources - 02/10/2009
TAX	VA HB 2010	Imposes a fee of .05 cents on paper and plastic bags used by purchasers to carry tangible personal property from the place of purchase.	DEAD--Left in House Finance - 02/10/2009
BAN	VA SB 873	Bans the use of plastic carryout bags by retailers at the point of sale unless such bags are (i) durable plastic bags with handles; (ii) at least 2.25 mils thick; and (iii) specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse.	DEAD--Left in Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources - 02/11/2009
RECYCLING MANDATE	VA SB 971	Requires certain stores to provide on-premises recycling for plastic bags. Stores that are part of a chain or more than 5,000 square feet must provide reusable bags for sale and take back and recycle used plastic bags.	DEAD—Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (14-Y 0-N) - 01/19/2009

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BAG REDUCTION	VA SJ 445	A joint resolution commending Farm Fresh Food and Pharmacy for its efforts to reduce plastic bag use by encouraging customers to switch to reusable bags.	House: Agreed to by House by voice vote - 02/23/2009
TAX	VT SB 33	Would impose a .03 cent tax on plastic carryout bags.	Referred to Senate Committee on Finance - 01/22/2009
TAX	VT HB 262	Would impose a tax of .17 cents on every non-compostable plastic bag "purchased or received" in a retail transaction. Plastic bags used for produce would be exempted, but the tax would apply to plastic bags sold to consumers for trash collection.	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means - 02/24/2009
BAN	WA HB 1189	Prohibits a retailer from providing a carryout bag for free or for charge to a consumer unless the carryout bag is either a compostable plastic carryout bag, a recyclable paper carryout bag, or a reusable carryout bag.	DEAD –Failed to receive action by the House Committee on Environmental Health at final public hearing 02/04/2009

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BAN	<i>WI AB 170</i>	<i>This bill prohibits a person who is engaged in the retail sale of goods from providing a bag for a customer's purchases unless the bag is one of the following: 1) a compostable plastic bag; 2) a cloth or plastic bag intended for multiple reuses; or 3) a recyclable paper bag.</i>	<i>Introduced and referred to Committee on Jobs, the Economy and Small Business - 03/24/2009</i>
BAN	<i>WV HB 3058</i>	This bill would phase out the use of plastic bags from retail establishments and make available reusable bags.	<i>Introduced and referred to House Energy, Industry and Labor, Economic Development and Small Business Committee - 3/11/2009</i>