

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 2527**

Short Title: Recycle Plastic Bags. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Harrison, Martin, Bryant, Justice (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Carney, Coleman, Cotham, Farmer-Butterfield, Fisher, Glazier, T. Harrell, Holliman, Insko, Luebke, Ross, Thomas, Underhill, Weiss, Wilkins, and Womble.

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Referred to: Environment and Natural Resources, if favorable, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship.

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May 26, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN RETAILERS IN THE STATE TO IMPLEMENT  
2 A PROGRAM TO RECYCLE THE PLASTIC BAGS PROVIDED TO  
3 CUSTOMERS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
4 COMMISSION.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 130A-309.10(c) reads as rewritten:

- 8 "(c) (1) No plastic bag shall be provided at any retail outlet to any retail  
9 customer to use for the purpose of carrying items purchased by that  
10 customer unless the bag is composed of material that is recyclable.  
11 (2) It is the goal of the State that at least ~~twenty-five-seventy-five~~ percent  
12 ~~(25%)-(75%)~~ of the plastic bags provided at retail outlets in the State to  
13 retail customers for carrying items purchased by the customer be  
14 recycled.  
15 (3) A retailer that (i) owns or controls more than 10,000 square feet of  
16 retail space in the State, and (ii) provides retail customers plastic bags  
17 for carrying items purchased shall:  
18 a. Implement a plastic bag collection program that facilitates the  
19 return and recycling of plastic bags provided to customers by  
20 that retailer.  
21 b. Provide a clearly marked receptacle for the collection of plastic  
22 bags that is in a convenient location at each retail outlet owned  
23 or controlled by the retailer.  
24 c. Arrange for the pickup, transport, and recycling of plastic bags  
25 deposited in the collection receptacles provided."

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**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective 1 January 2009.