

March 26, 2009

S 1018. REDUCE PLASTIC BAG USE (=H 810). Filed 3/25/09. *TO REDUCE PLASTIC BAG USE IN NORTH CAROLINA.*

Identical to H 810, filed 3/25/09.

Intro. by Stein.

GS 130A

May 12, 2009

S 1018. BAN CERTAIN SINGLE-USE BAGS (NEW). Filed 3/25/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Rewrites title as *AN ACT TO REDUCE PLASTIC AND NON-RECYCLED PAPER BAG USE ON NORTH CAROLINA'S OUTER BANKS*. Limits applicability to counties that have a barrier island with permanent inhabitation separated from the mainland by a sound or that contain a National Wildlife Refuge or a portion of a National Seashore. Removes the exception for compostable bags from the bag ban in GS 130A-309.102. Modifies the provision in GS 130A-309.103 restricting the substitution of paper bags. Enacts GS 130A-309.104 requiring retailers to post signs about bag use. Modifies General Assembly's findings in GS 130A-309.100 and definitions in GS 130A-309.101. Makes technical changes. Effective September 1, 2009, and applies to retail sales made on or after that date (was, effective October 1, 2011).

June 9, 2009

S 1018. BAN CERTAIN SINGLE-USE BAGS. Filed 3/25/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Adds new Part 2G (was, Part 2F) to GS Chapter 130A, Article 9, and recodifies provisions as GS 130A-309.120 through GS 130A-309.125 (was, GS 130A-309.100 through 130A-309.105). Provides that Part 2G does not prevent a retailer from providing customers with reused packaging materials originally used for goods received from the retailer's wholesalers or suppliers. Permits a prepared foods retailer to package prepared foods in a recycled paper bag in order to comply with food sanitation or handling standards or best practices, regardless of the availability of a reusable bag. Provides in GS 130A-309.123(a)(2) that the refund offered to a customer who uses the customer's own reusable bags must be equal to the cost of the retailer providing a recycled paper bag, multiplied by the number of reusable bags filled with the goods purchased by the customer (was, cost to the retailer of providing an equivalent number of recycled paper bags).

Requires a retailer, *other than a prepared foods retailer*, who is subject to GS 130A-309.122 (banning certain plastic bags) to display a sign that is viewable to customers providing notice that the county where the retailer is located discourages the use of single use plastic and paper bags for environmental reasons and advocating for the use of reusable bags and offering to provide 100% recycled paper bags to customers without reusable bags.

Provides that Part 2G only applies in a county that includes a barrier island or peninsula which meets additional specified conditions.

June 17, 2009

S 1018. BAN CERTAIN SINGLE-USE BAGS. Filed 3/25/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends proposed GS 130A-309.123 which permits a retailer to substitute recycled paper bags for the banned plastic bags to require that the retailer offer one of the following incentives to any customer who uses the customer's own reusable bag instead of the bags provided by the retailer: (1) a cash refund, (2) a store coupon or credit for general store use, or (3) a value or reward under the retailer's customer loyalty or rewards program for general store use (was, offers a refund to any customer using the customer's own bag). Requires the amount of the incentive to be equal to or *greater than* the cost to the retailer of providing a recycled paper bag (was, the refund must equal the cost of providing a recycled paper bag) multiplied by the number of reusable bags filled with the goods purchased by the customer.

June 24, 2009

SL 2009-163 (S 1018). BAN CERTAIN SINGLE-USE BAGS. AN ACT TO REDUCE PLASTIC AND NONRECYCLED PAPER BAG USE ON NORTH CAROLINA'S OUTER BANKS. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/25/09, 5/12/09, 6/9/09, and 6/17/09. Enacted June 24, 2009. Effective September 1, 2009.