

General Assembly

Proposed Bill No. 5617

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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:

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REP. JOHNSON, 143rd Dist.

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REP. DENNING, 42nd Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS WASTE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to prohibit any state or

2 municipal government agency, including any vendor with a

3 government contract, and any business, including food vendors, from

4 selling, using, purchasing or providing: (1) Any food ware or beverage

product composed in whole, or in part, of polystyrene; (2) any

6 packaging product composed of polystyrene, including packaging

7 peanuts; and (3) any single-use plastic cutlery, straw, plastic stirrer,

8 splash stick or food ware accessory to a customer, provided this

9 provision shall not prohibit the provision of a single-use plastic straw to

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10 a person with a disability.

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce the use of single-use plastics and the inefficient waste stream created by such plastics in order to protect the marine habitat and human health.

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