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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; prohibiting fees on merchant-provided plastic bags
1.3 and reuse of bags during peacetime public health emergency.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. MERCHANT BAGS; FEE ORDINANCES SUSPENDED; NO REUSABLE
1.6 BAGS.

1.7 (a) During a peacetime public health emergency:

1.8 (1) a local government ordinance that imposes or requires a merchant to impose a fee
1.9 for a merchant-provided paper or plastic bag for packaging of any item or good purchased
1.10 from a merchant, itinerant vendor, or peddler is suspended and must not be enforced; and

1.11 (2) a merchant must not permit customers to bring onto the merchant's premises used
1.12 bags.

1.13 (b) For purposes of this section, "peacetime public health emergency" means any
1.14 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in an executive order that is related to the
1.15 infectious disease known as COVID-19.

1.16 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and
1.17 expires the day following the expiration of the declaration of the peacetime public health
1.18 emergency.