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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PROMOTION OF PAPER BAG USAGE

Introduced By: Senators Perry, Miller, Jabour, Metts, and Lynch

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 23-18.11-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-18.11 entitled  
2 "Promotion of Paper Bag Usage" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **23-18.11-3. Prohibited practices.** -- No retail establishment located and doing business  
4 within the state shall sell or convey goods, food, or goods which have been the subject matter of  
5 the rendering of personal services thereon, directly to the ultimate consumers within the state in  
6 ~~plastic bags, unless the retailer makes available to each consumer a paper bag as an option at no~~  
7 ~~greater charge than the plastic bag. The retailer must advertise clearly the availability of this~~  
8 ~~option. Any retailer who chooses to transfer purchases in paper bags only, need not make other~~  
9 ~~optional bags available~~ any checkout bags other than the following: recyclable paper bags, and/or  
10 compostable plastic bags, and/or reusable bags.

11           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2011.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would prohibit retail establishments from using any checkout bags other than the
- 2 following: recyclable paper bags, and/or compostable plastic bags, and/or reusable bags.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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