

Subject Plastic bag fees

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## Overview

House File 3847 requires retailers to impose fees of at least five cents on single-use plastic bags provided to a customer, and authorizes them to impose optional fees on other types of bags.

## Summary

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| 1 | <b>Single-use plastic carryout bags; fee.</b> |
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**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines “single-use plastic carryout bag” and other terms.

**Subd. 2. Fee required; exemptions.** Requires retailers to charge a fee of at least five cents per single-use plastic carryout bag provided to a customer. Restaurants, florist shops, and hunger-relief organizations are exempt from this subdivision.

**Subd. 3. Optional fees.** Retailers may charge a fee for a reusable plastic or nonplastic carryout bag, or a recycled paper bag, provided to a customer.

**Subd. 4. Fee revenue.** Authorizes retailers to retain fees collected under this section and endeavor to use at least 40 percent of fees to supply customers with reusable plastic carryout bags or recycled paper bags.

**Subd. 5. Enforcement; civil penalty; injunctive relief.** Provides no penalty assessment for an initial violation of this section, but a civil penalty of \$1,000 for each subsequent violation. A retailer may be enjoined from violations. The attorney general may bring an action in court for civil penalties, or an injunction, and may accept an assurance of discontinuance.



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