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SENATE BILL NO. 711

Offered January 16, 2008

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-977, relating to plastic carryout bags.

Patron—Quayle

Referred to Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-977 as follows:

§ 15.2-977. Plastic carryout bags.

Any locality may, by ordinance, provide that a retail merchant located within its jurisdiction shall not provide to any of its customers at the point of sale any plastic carryout bag in which a product or products purchased by any such customer from such store is placed unless such plastic carryout bag is a durable plastic bag, with handles, that is at least 2.25 mils thick and is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse.