

HOUSE BILL 947

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By: **Delegates Toles, Harrison, Bartlett, Boaf, Harris, Holmes, and J. Long**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Government – Charges for Paper Carryout Bags – Limitation**

3 FOR the purpose of limiting the amount that retail establishments may charge for paper
4 carryout bags under certain local laws; and generally relating to local fees for paper
5 carryout bags.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Local Government

8 Section 1–1321

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Local Government**

14 **1–1321.**

15 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT” MEANS A STORE, A FOOD**
16 **SERVICE FACILITY, OR ANY OTHER ESTABLISHMENT THAT PROVIDES BAGS TO ITS**
17 **CUSTOMERS AS A RESULT OF THE SALE OF A PRODUCT OR SERVICE, WHETHER**
18 **OPERATED FOR PROFIT OR NOT FOR PROFIT.**

19 **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES.**

20 **(C) IF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY ENACTS A LOCAL LAW THAT**
21 **AUTHORIZES OR REQUIRES A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT TO CHARGE FOR A PAPER**
22 **CARRYOUT BAG THAT IT PROVIDES TO A CUSTOMER, THE CHARGE MAY NOT EXCEED**
23 **10 CENTS FOR EACH PAPER CARRYOUT BAG.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2025.