2010 PLASTIC BAG LEGISLATIVE TRACKING REPORT

TOTAL STATE BILLS: 74 Taxes: 26 Bans: 26 Recycling: 12 Misc.: 10 **Status Update Bills defeated: 41** (17) (15) (7) (2) **Bills approved:** TOTAL LOCAL BILLS: 6 Taxes: 1 Bans: 2 Recycling: 1 Misc.: 2 **Status Update** Bills defeated: **2** (1) (1) **Bills approved:** *1 (1)(*expansion of existing law) **TOTAL FEDERAL BILLS: 4** (1) (1) (2)

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Bill Type	Bill	Bill Summary	Status	
RECYCLING	<u>US HR 5695</u>	Would provide a tax incentive (15% tax credit) for retailers that participate in at-store plastic bag/film recycling programs.	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means – 07/01/2010	
RECYCLING	USHRES1506	Would encourage state and local governments to establish voluntary plastic bag recycling programs.	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce - 07/01/2010	
MISC. (Reduction of paper and plastic bags)	US HRES1298	Would call for states to establish targets for businesses to reduce distribution of plastic and paper bag use by 40% over the next five years; encourage businesses to adopt consumer credit programs to promote reusable bag use; educate the public about using reusable bags; and facilitate the dissemination of best practices among businesses for reducing single-use retail bag consumption.	Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce – 4/22/10	
TAX (FEDERAL)	US HR 2091 (2009 carry- over)	Would impose a retail tax of .05 cents, increasing to .25 cent in 2015, on single-use carryout bags.	Pending the House Natural Resources Committee – Assigned to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	

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Bill Type	Bill	Bill Summary	Status	
TAX	AK SB 22 (2009 carry- over)	Would establish a \$0.15 cent fee for disposable plastic bags distributed by retailers to purchasers to carry away or protect goods; also establishes the Alaska litter and marine debris reduction and recycling fund.	DEAD - Held in committee upon adjournment - 04/18/2010	
BAN	CA AB 1998	AMENDED to prohibit large grocery stores, drug stores and convenience stores from distributing plastic carryout bags, beginning in 2012, and would make available after 2013 paper bags with 40% recycled content for a minimum of \$.05 cents. This bill would also pre-empt local bag regulations.	Passed and re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations	
MISC. (EPR requirements for bags)	CA AB 2138	Would prohibit a food provider, on and after July 1, 2013, from distributing disposable food service packaging or single-use carryout bags unless the department determines the packaging or bag meet specified composting or recycling requirements.	DEAD -Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee beyond reporting deadline - 06/03/2010	

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Bill Type	Bill	Bill Summary	Status
TAX	CA AB 68 (2009 carry- over)	Would impose a retail tax no less than .25 cents on single-use carryout bags.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee - 01/21/2010
TAX	CA AB 87 (2009 carry- over)	Would prohibit stores from providing single-use carryout bags, including green carryout bags, to customers unless the store charges a fee of not less than \$0.25 per bag at the point of sale.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee - 01/21/2010
RECYCLED CONTENT	<u>CA AB 1141</u> (2009 carry-over)	Among other requirements, provides for recycled-content in plastic carryout bags.	Held without recommendation by Assembly Com. On Natural Resources
MISC. (COMPOSTABLE/ DEGRADABLE STANDARDS)	CA SB 228 (2009 carry- over)	Would require a manufacturer of a marine degradable or compostable plastic bag meeting certain standards to ensure that these bags are readily and easily identifiable from other plastic bags.	Re-referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations – 06/28/2010
MISC. (EPR FEE)	CA SB 531 (2009 carry- over)	AMENDED to establish requirements for bag manufacturers to develop educational materials for at-store recycling programs that encourage the reducing, reusing and recycling of plastic bags.	Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee

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Bill Type	Bill	Bill Summary	Status	
BAN (language removed)	FL SB 570 (same as HB 1559)	AMENDED to maintain the current two-year moratorium that prohibits state or local legislative restrictions on plastic bags.	Tabled in the Senate and substituted with HB 7243 (NOTE: this bill is no longer relevant since bag ban language has been removed)	
TAX	HI HB 2645 (same as SB 2560)	Requiring that businesses charge a \$0.15 cent fee to consumers who choose to use non-recyclable checkout bags and also that businesses offer biodegradable plastic checkout bags and recyclable paper check out bags.	DEAD – Held in House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection upon adjournment – 04/29/10	
TAX	HI HB 2125	Requires businesses in the State to collect an offset fee for each plastic disposable checkout bag distributed to customers.	DEAD - Held in House Financial Services Committee upon adjournment - 04/29/10	
BAN	HI HB 1357 (same as HB 1292) (2009 carry- over)	Prohibits non-biodegradable plastic checkout bags; would retailers in the State to distribute only recyclable paper, reusable or compostable checkout bags.	DEAD – Held in House Energy and Environment committee upon adjournment – 04/29/10	
MISC. (BIODEGRADABLE STANDARDS)	HI HCR 43 (2009 carry- over)	Requests the Department of Health to form a task force to establish minimum statewide standards for biodegradability for plastic grocery bags and food containers.	DEAD - Held in Senate Committee on Health upon adjournment - 04/29/10	

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BAN	HI HCR 61 (2009 carry- over)	Provides for non-compostable plastic bag reduction.	DEAD – Held in House Energy and Environment Committee upon adjournment – 04/29/10
BAN	HI HR 49 (2009 carry- over)	Provides for non-compostable plastic bag reduction.	DEAD – Held in House Energy and Environment Committee upon adjournment – 04/29/10
TAX	HI SB 2560 (same as HB 2645)	Requiring that businesses charge a \$0.15 cent fee to consumers who choose to use non-recyclable checkout bags and also that businesses offer biodegradable plastic checkout bags and recyclable paper check out bags.	DEAD – Held in Senate Committee on Energy and Environment upon adjournment – 04/29/10
BAN	HI SB 2559	Would require all retailers to impose a \$.05 cent tax on paper or plastic carryout bags. Also provides for local preemption of bag regulations.	DEAD – Held in House Finance Committee upon adjournment – 04/29/10
BAN	HI SB 244 (2009 carry- over)	Provides a refund or store credit to retail customers who do not use plastic shopping bags offered by the retailer at no additional charge.	DEAD – Held in Senate Energy and Environment Committee upon adjournment – 04/29/10

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Bill Type	Bill	Bill Summary	Status
MISC. (RECYCLING MANDATE/BAN)	HI SB 245 (2009 carry- over)	Establishes a statewide at-store plastic carryout bag recycling program, requiring certain retailers to collect and recycle plastic bags in their stores. Would ban plastic bags effective Jan. 1, 2011.	DEAD - Held in Senate Energy and Environment Committee upon adjournment - 04/29/10
BAN	HI SB 584 (2009 carry- over)	Prohibits distribution of plastic shopping bags by retail stores and supermarkets in the State.	DEAD - Held in Senate Judiciary and Govt. Operations Committee upon adjournment- 04/29/10
TAX	HI SB 1163 (2009 carry- over)	Requires distributors that sell and distribute plastic shopping bags to stores to pay to the department of health a fee of \$0.05 cents per bag.	DEAD - Held in Senate Human Services Committee upon adjournment - 04/29/10
BAN	HI SB 1292 (same as HB 1357) (2009 carry- over)	Requires retailers in the State to distribute only recyclable paper, reusable, or compostable checkout bags.	DEAD – Held in Senate Energy and Environment Committee upon adjournment – 04/29/10

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Bill Type	Bill	Bill Summary	Status
MANDATORY RECYCLING	IL HB 334 (2009 carry- over)	Mandates the owner of each grocery store in Illinois to implement a plastic bag recycling program within 90 days after the effective date of this Act and provides various related requirements.	Pending House Rules Committee
TAX	MD SB 462 (same as HB 351)	Would ban the use of disposable, non-recyclable plastic bags and assess consumers a \$0.05 cent fee per recyclable paper and plastic bag used at grocery and convenience stores.	DEAD - Reported unfavorably by the Senate Finance Committee
MANDATORY RECYCLING	MD HB 1418	Would require stores with over 7,000 sq. ft. to establish an atstore recycling program for plastic carryout bags; requires stores to print or display specified language on plastic bags and to provide collection bins for the recycling of plastic carryout bags.	DEAD – Reported unfavorably and withdrawn by the House Environmental Matters Committee
TAX	MD HB 351 (same as SB 462)	Would ban the use of disposable, non-recyclable plastic bags and assess consumers a \$0.05 cent fee per recyclable paper and plastic bag used at grocery and convenience stores.	DEAD – Reported unfavorably by the House Environmental Matters Committee

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MISC. (Plastic bag reduction program)	Prince George County, MARYLAND, CB-38-2010	Would create a voluntary bag reduction program for all disposable bags provided by grocery stores, restaurants, convenience stores and the like.	Referred to the Transportation, Housing, and Environmental Committee on 5/13/2010		
VOLUNTARY RECYCLING	Baltimore, MARYLAND, Legislative File # 08- 0205 (2009 carry-over)	REDRAFTED from a plastic bag ban bill into a bill that would establish a voluntary recycling program for plastic bags.	Signed by the Mayor on 4/15/2010		
TAX	Baltimore, MARYLAND, Legislative File # 08- 0208 (2009 carry- over)	Would impose a \$0.25 cent fee on plastic bags provided by retailers to customers.	DEAD—Held in the Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee on 3/16.		
MISC. (Environmental Impact Study)	Baltimore, MARYLAND, Resolution # 09-0179R	Resolution requiring the city Department of Public Works to undertake a study of the environmental impact of plastic carryout use in the City.	Approved by the Baltimore Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee - 02/16/2010		

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BAN	MA HB 719 (2009 carry- over)	Prohibits supermarkets or pharmacies, as defined, from providing a checkout bag to a consumer unless the bag is a compostable plastic, a recyclable paper, or a reusable bag.	DEAD—placed in study committee 3/09/2010	
BAN	MA HB 798 (2009 carry- over)	Prohibits retailers with annual sales exceeding \$500,000 from providing plastic carryout bags.	DEAD—placed in study committee on 3/09/2010	
TAX	MA HB 2686 (2009 carry- over)	Requires supermarkets with annual sales in excess of \$1M to impose a .05 cent tax on every plastic carryout bag provided to their customers.	DEAD—placed in study committee on 3/12/2010	
BAN	MA SB 395 (2009 carry- over)	Prohibits stores from provide plastic carryout our bags to consumers.	Pending Joint Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Committee – hearing scheduled 5/14	
TAX	MA SB 1284 (2009 carry- over)	Requires stores with annual sales in excess of \$1M to impose a \$0.02 cent tax on every plastic carryout bag provided to their customers.	DEAD—placed in study committee on 3/12/2010	

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BAN	Ann Arbor, MICHIGAN, Ordinance # 08-0705 (2009 carry- over)	Would prohibit any retail establishment, excluding restaurants, located within the City of Ann Arbor that has gross annual sales of \$1 million or more from providing non-compostable plastic carryout bags to customers.	Tabled by the City council 9/21/09	
MANDATORY RECYCLING	MN HF 41 (2009 carry- over)	Provides for establishment of instore recycling program for plastic bag and film collection and recycling.	DEAD – Remained in the House <u>Environment Policy and Oversight</u> <u>Committee upon adjournment</u>	
MISC. (BIODEGRADABLE LABELING STANDARDS)	MN HF 403 (2009 carry- over)	Among other requirements, provides for the establishment of labeling standards for compostable, biodegradable and degradable plastic bags and containers.	<u>DEAD – Remained in the House</u> <u>Environment and Natural Resources</u> <u>Committee upon adjournment</u>	
TAX	MN HF 3322 (same as SF 2338)	Would require all retailers to impose a \$.05 cent tax on paper or plastic carryout bags.	DEAD – Remained in the House Taxes Committee upon adjournment	
TAX	MN SF 2338	Would require all retailers to impose a \$.05 tax on paper or plastic carryout bags. The retailer would be permitted to retain one to two cents of the tax.	DEAD - Remained in the Senate Committee on Taxes upon adjournment	

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MANDATORY RECYCLING	MN HF 576 (same as SF 267) (2009 carry- over)	Provides for establishment of instore recycling program for plastic bag and film collection and recycling.	DEAD – Remained in House Environment Policy and Oversight Committee upon adjournment
MANDATORY RECYCLING	MN SF 267 (same as HF 576) (2009 carry- over)	Requires retailers to establish instore recycling programs and specifies program and reporting requirements; also requires manufacturers to make collection and recycling arrangements with retailers upon request.	DEAD – Remained in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee upon adjournment
TAX	NJ AB 2121	Requires every convenience store, drugstore, supermarket or retail store over 1,000 sq. ft. that provides carryout bags to impose a \$0.15 fee on every paper or plastic carryout bag.	Introduced, Referred to Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee - 02/11/2010
MANDATORY RECYCLING/ BAN	NJ AB 2112	Requires retailers to establish instore recycling programs that provide opportunities for customers to return clean plastic carryout bags for The bill also provides for the eventual phaseout of plastic bags over a three-year period.	Introduced, Referred to Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee - 02/11/2010

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Bill Type	Bill	Bill Summary	Status	
BAN	NJ AB 2238	Provides for the decrease and eventual ban on use of non-compostable plastic grocery bags at retail stores.	Introduced, Referred to Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee - 02/11/2010	
MANDATORY RECYCLING	NJ AB 1246	Requires retailers to establish instore recycling programs that provide opportunities for customers to return clean plastic carryout bags.	Introduced, Referred to Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee - 01/12/2010	
MISC. (STUDY)	NJ AB 1254	Requires DEP to conduct study concerning single-use paper bags and plastic bags.	Introduced, Referred to Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee - 01/12/2010	
TAX	NJ AB 1643	Would require convenience stores, drugstores, supermarkets or retail establishments with over 1,000 sq. ft. to charge consumers \$0.02 cents for each plastic carryout bag.	Introduced, Referred to Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee - 01/12/2010	
MANDATORY RECYCLING	NJ SB 238	Would require retailers to establish in-store recycling programs for plastic carryout bags.	Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment and Energy Committee - 01/12/2010	

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TAX	NJ SB 456	Would require convenience, drugstore, supermarket or retail establishments over 1,000 sq. ft. to charge their customers \$0.15 cents for every paper or plastic carryout bag distributed beginning January 1, 2011. Also requires these stores to provide only compostable plastic bags or recyclable paper bags beginning January 1, 2012, and to restrict the use of plastic and paper carryout bags by 75% of current volume by Jan. 2014.	Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment and Energy Committee - 01/12/2010
TAX	NM HB 133	Would impose a tax of five cents (\$0.05) on each paper or plastic disposable carryout bag.	<u>DEAD—Remained in House Business</u> <u>& Industry Committee/House</u> <u>Taxation & Revenue Committee</u>
MANDATORY RECYCLING	NM HB 59	Would establish an at-store recycling program that permits a customer of the store to return clean plastic carry-out bags to the store.	DEAD—Remained in House Rules & Business Committee
BAN	NY AB 6070 (reintroduced from 2009)	Requires certain large retail supermarkets to provide only paper bags, compostable plastic bags and/or reusable bags to customers.	Referred to Assembly Environmental Conservation - 01/06/2010

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MISC. (REUSABLE BAG INCENTIVES)	NY AB 6144 (reintroduced from 2009)	Provides a rebate for reusable bags by requiring store operators to pay customers at least \$0.02 cents for each bag brought in to carry purchased goods.	Referred to Assembly Environmental Conservation - 01/06/2010	
TAX	NY AB 6537 (reintroduced from 2009)	Would impose a tax of \$0.15 cents upon every plastic shopping bags distributed by all sales outlets.	DEAD held for consideration in Assembly Ways and Means - 07/01/2010	
MISC. (BAG REDUCTION COMMISSION)	NY AB 6937 (reintroduced from 2009)	Would establish a temporary state commission on disposable merchandise bags to study and recommend a means to reduce the adverse impact of such bags on the environment.	Referred to Assembly Environmental Conservation - 01/06/2010	
TAX	NY AB 7844 (reintroduced from 2009)	Would impose a \$0.05 cent fee for each plastic carryout bag provided by a store to customers in New York City.	Referred to Assembly Cities - 01/06/2010	
MISC. (REUSABLE BAG INCENTIVES)	NY AB 9190A (reintroduced from 2009)	Encourages the use of reusable shopping bags by requiring store operators to post signs regarding reusable bags.	Referred to the Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee - 01/08/2010	
BAN	NY SB 544 (reintroduced from 2009)	Requires retail businesses to restrict the use of non-compostable plastic bags.	Referred to Senate Consumer Protection - 01/06/2010	

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MANDATORY RECYCLING (NYC PREEMPTION FROM STATE RECYCLING LAW)	NY SB 4595 (reintroduced from 2009)	Would exempt New York City's local plastic bag recycling law from preemption by the statewide law.	Referred to Senate Environmental Conservation - 01/06/2010
TAX	NY SB 4866 (reintroduced from 2009)	Would impose a \$0.05 cent fee on plastic shopping bags only in cities with a population of one million or more, which would mean the city of New York.	Pending Senate Codes Committee
TAX	NY SB 5067 (reintroduced from 2009)	Would impose a \$0.05 cent surcharge on plastic shopping bags distributed at all sales outlets.	Referred to Senate Investigations & Government Operations - 01/06/2010
BAN	NC SB 897	Budget bill that includes language to extend the ban on plastic bags in the Outer Banks counties to all local retailers.	LAW ratified 06/30/2010
BAN	NC HB 810 (same as SB 10182009 carry-over)	Prohibits retailers that have more than 5,000 sq. ft. of space or part of a retail chain from providing plastic bags to customers unless the bag is a reusable bag or a compostable plastic bag.	Introduced and referred to the House Environment and Natural Resources - 03/26/2009

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MANDATORY RECYCLING	NC HB 1288 (2009 carry- over)	Would require retailers who offer plastic checkout bags to provide in-store recycling with clearly marked receptacles for the bags, and arrange for collection of the material; also sets a state goal to recycle 75% of plastic checkout bags consumed.	Pending the House Committee on Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurships
BAN	OR SB 1009	Prohibits use of plastic bags as checkout bags. Allows Department of Environmental Quality to impose civil penalty.	DEAD - Held in committee upon adjournment - 02/25/2010
MANDATORY RECYCLING	Philadelphia (PA) BILL NO. 090909 (2009 carry over)	Prohibits retailers from providing disposable paper or plastic shopping bags unless they establish a program to allow customers to return these bags for recycling. Exempts from these requirements retailers that charge .10 to .25 cents for these bags.	Introduced 12/10/2009 and referred to Environment Committee
BAN	PA SB 609 (2009 carry- over)	Act prohibiting grocery stores from providing to purchasers paper or plastic bags for goods purchased at grocery stores.	Pending the committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy

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BAN	PA SB 864 (2009 carry- over)	Would impose a \$0.02 cent tax on each plastic bag supplied by retailers, with .01 cent returned to the state for recycling programs and the other .01 cent retained by the retailer.	Pending committee on Senate Finance	
BAN	PA HB 2200	Act prohibiting grocery stores from providing to customers paper or plastic bags for goods purchased.	Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy - 01/11/2010	
BAN	RI SB 2481	Would prohibit retail establishments from using any checkout bags other than the following: recyclable paper bags, compostable plastic bags, or reusable bags.	Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture – 02/11/2010	
TAX	RI SB 804 (2009 carry- over)	Requires all retailers to provide a five-cent instant rebate to customers for reusable bags and to charge a \$0.15 cent fee for every plastic bag provided to customers.	Pending Senate Environment and Agriculture Committee	
TAX	VT SB 33 (2009 carry- over)	Would impose a \$0.03 cent tax on plastic carryout bags.	<u>DEAD - Remained in Senate</u> <u>Committee on Natural Resources</u> <u>upon adjournment</u>	

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TAX	VT HB 262 (2009 carry- over)	Would impose a \$0.17 cent tax on every non-compostable plastic bag "purchased or received" in a retail transaction. Plastic bags used for produce would be exempted.	DEAD – Remained in House Ways and Means Committee upon adjournment	
BAN	VA HB 521	Bans the use of plastic carryout bags by retailers unless such bags are durable plastic bags with handles; at least 2.25 mils thick; and specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse.	DEAD—tabled by House subcommittee – 02/03/2010	
TAX	VA HB 1115	Would impose a \$0.05 cent fee on paper and plastic bags distributed by retailers in grocery stores, convenience stores, and drugstores.	<u>DEAD – Tabled by House</u> <u>Subcommittee – 02/09/2010</u>	
BAN	WA HB 1189 (2009 carry- over)	Prohibits a retailer from providing a carryout bag for free or for charge to a consumer unless the carryout bag is either a compostable plastic, recyclable paper, or a reusable carryout bag.	DEAD - Remained in Committee upon adjournment of the legislature	

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Bill Type	Bill	Bill Summary	Status
TAX	WV HB 4307	Beginning on July 1, 2010, all grocery stores, drug stores and convenience stores subject to the consumers' sales tax shall pay an excise tax of \$0.05 cents for each plastic shopping bag provided to customers.	DEAD—remained in House Finance Committee upon adjournment – 02/03/2010
BAN	WI AB 170 (2009 carry- over)	This bill prohibits retailers from providing a bag for a customer's purchases unless the bag is one of the following: 1) a compostable plastic bag; 2) a cloth or plastic bag intended for multiple reuses; or 3) a recyclable paper bag.	DEAD - Failed to pass from committee when legislature adjourned