

HOUSE BILL 483

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT; PROHIBITING ENACTMENT OR ENFORCEMENT OF ANY LAW, ORDINANCE, POLICY OR RULE THAT RESTRICTS THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS BY A GROCERY STORE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS--
PROHIBITED ACTION.--

A. For the purposes of this section:

(1) "public body" means the state or a local government or an agency or branch of the state or local government;

(2) "local government" means a county, an incorporated city, a home rule municipality, a town or a village; and

(3) "plastic grocery bag" means a bag that is:

underscoring material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

1 (a) provided by a retail grocer to a
2 customer at the point of sale for the purpose of transporting
3 food or other goods; and

4 (b) composed of synthetic material made
5 from linking monomers through a chemical reaction to create a
6 polymer chain that can be molded or extruded at high heat into
7 various solid forms, including material derived from either
8 petroleum or a biologically based polymer, such as corn or
9 other plant sources.

10 B. A public body shall not enact, impose or
11 continue in effect any law, ordinance, policy or rule that
12 restricts a retail grocer's use or provision of plastic grocery
13 bags.