

## ##Plastic Bag Ban Act

###An Act to phase out the use of plastic bags within the Great State of Dixie

\*Whereas\* plastic does not decompose in landfills;

\*Whereas\* The [Plastic Bag Preemption Repeal](<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iYJ1DCIOjj9MuZAX8ZysZTW4C7A3UjBLWDVdptsK2jw/edit>) gave the state the power to regulate the use of plastic bags;

\*Whereas\* The Assembly should use this power;

\*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Great State of Dixie:\*

### \*\*Sec. 1. Short Title\*\*

\*\* (a) \*\* This Act may be cited as the Plastic Bag Ban Act.

### \*\*Sec. 2. Definitions\*\*

In this Act:

>\*\*(1)\*\* “Secretary” means the Commissioner of Agriculture and Human Services.

>\*\*(2)\*\* “Plastic Bag” means any single use plastic shopping bag distributed by retailers.

### \*\*Sec. 3. Phases of the Ban\*\*

\*\* (a) \*\* The use of Plastic Bags shall be phased out through a program in the Great State of Dixie.

\*\* (b) \*\* The phases shall be run as follows, and described in following sections.

>\*\*(1)\*\* Phase 1: Education

>\*\*(2)\*\* Phase 2: Tax

>\*\*(3)\*\* Phase 3: Ban

\*\* (c) \*\* The duration of each phase shall be determined by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

**\*\*Sec 4. Education\*\***

**\*\* (a) \*\*** Phase 1 of the program shall be Education.

**\*\* (b) \*\*** This phase shall involve the following:

>**\*\* (1) \*\*** Signs about the upcoming ban and tax

>**\*\* (2) \*\*** Public Service Announcements on Television and Radio

**\*\* (c) \*\*** This phase must last at least 3 months, but must last no longer than 12 months.

**\*\*Sec. 5: Plastic Bag Tax\*\***

**\*\* (a) \*\*** Phase 2 of the program shall be a Tax on Plastic Bags.

**\*\* (b) \*\*** This phase shall involve the following:

>**\*\* (1) \*\*** Continued Phase 1 Activities

>**\*\* (2) \*\*** A \$0.10 fee on each Plastic Bag, sent to the State to be included into the Rainy Day Fund.

**\*\* (c) \*\*** This phase must last at least 12 months, but must last no longer than 36 months.

**\*\*Sec. 6: Ban\*\***

**\*\* (a) \*\*** Phase 3 of the program shall be a total ban on Plastic Bags.

**\*\* (b) \*\*** At this phase, the following are exempted from the ban:

>**\*\* (1) \*\*** Fresh Meats

>**\*\* (2) \*\*** Small bags for produce

**\*\*Sec. 7: Enactment and Severability\*\***

**\*\* (a) \*\*** Sections 1, 2, 3, and 7 are enacted upon this Act being signed into law.

**(b)** Section 4 is enacted upon the first Fiscal Year after this Act is signed into law.

**(c)** Sections 5 and 6 are enacted upon the Secretary's declaration of the length of Phase 1 and Phase 2 respectively.

**(d)** The provisions of this Act are severable. If any portion of this Act is struck down, the rest of the Act shall still be in effect.

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