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H 810. REDUCE PLASTIC BAG USE. Filed 03/25/09. *TO REDUCE PLASTIC BAG USE IN NORTH CAROLINA.*

Adds new Part 2F (Plastic Bag Management) to Article 9 of GS Chapter 130A to provide that a retailer who has at least 5,000 square feet of retail or wholesale space or is part of a chain of five or more stores may not offer to customers plastic bags unless the bag is compostable according to standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials or is reusable as defined in the bill, except for containing fresh fish, meat, poultry, or produce. Retailers may offer recyclable paper bags, as defined in the statute. Amends GS 130A-22 to assign a maximum \$200 penalty for a second offense within any 12-month period, and a \$500 fine for each additional offense within any 12-month period for a violation of the ban on certain plastic bags. Effective October 1, 2011, and applies to sales then and later.

Intro. by Harrison, Justice, and Martin.

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