
DIGEST

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Barrow

HB No. 711

Abstract: Levies a tax on single-use plastic bags and provides for the use of the funds received from that tax.

Proposed law levies a 5¢ tax on each single-use plastic bag. Authorizes the tax rate to be adjusted by a 2/3 vote of the legislature. Defines a "plastic bag" as a bag composed primarily of thermoplastic synthetic polymeric material which is provided to a purchaser during a retail transaction for use in carrying or transporting purchased goods.

Proposed law provides for collection of the tax in the same manner and on the same tax return as the state sales and use tax. Prohibits the tax from inclusion in the calculation of the dealers compensation.

Proposed law creates the Plastic Bag Management Fund and provides for deposit of the tax proceeds. Further creates two accounts in the Fund—the Community Grants Account and the Nonprofit Support Account. Provides that 20% of the collections be deposited into the Community Grants Account and the remaining 80% be deposited into the Nonprofit Support Account.

Proposed law provides that of the monies in the Community Grants Account to be used for grants for activities, projects, or programs undertaken for a public purpose and administered by the office of community development in the division of administration, with 50% of the monies to be use for grants selected by the members of the state Senate and 50% for grants selected by the members of the state House of Representatives. Proposed law provides for the necessary information to be contained in the grant applications.

Proposed law provides that the monies contained in the Nonprofit Support Account shall be appropriated each year by the legislation as follows:

- (1) 12% to the La. Coalition on Domestic Violence.
- (2) 12% for Keep La. Beautiful for recycling programs.
- (3) 12% for Baton Rouge Crisis Center.
- (4) 12% to the office of elderly affairs.

- (5) 6% to Youth Challenge.
 - (6) 6% to Susan G. Komen Foundation.
 - (7) 6% to Dept. of Health and Hospitals to be used for HIV/Aids prevention.
 - (8) 6% to Autism Society-Louisiana State Chapter.
 - (9) 6% to the Girl Scouts.
 - (10) 6% to the March of Dimes.
 - (11) 3% to the La. Arts and Science Museum.
 - (12) 3% to the Epilepsy Foundation, La.
 - (13) 3% to the American Heart Association in La.
 - (14) 3% to the prevention of child abuse.
 - (15) 3% to Sickle Cell Anemia.
 - (16) 1% to the office of community development for administration of the grant program.
- (Adds R.S. 47:1151)