

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-fifth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**INTRODUCED**

LLS NO. 25-0374.01 Jennifer Berman x3286

**HOUSE BILL 25-1051**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING REPEALING THE REQUIREMENT THAT RETAIL**  
102                    **ESTABLISHMENTS CHARGE A FEE FOR PROVIDING RECYCLED**  
103                    **PAPER CARRYOUT BAGS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Under current law, retail establishments are prohibited from providing plastic carryout bags at the point of sale, but may provide recycled paper carryout bags for a fee of at least 10 cents per bag. The bill repeals the requirement that retail establishments charge a fee for providing recycled paper carryout bags.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-17-503, **repeal** (8)  
3 as follows:

4           **25-17-503. Definitions - rules.** As used in this part 5, unless the  
5 context otherwise requires:

6           (8) ~~"Recycled paper carryout bag" means a carryout bag made~~  
7 ~~from one hundred percent:~~

8           ~~(a) Recycled material; or~~

9           ~~(b) Other post-consumer content.~~

10           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-17-504, **amend**  
11 (1) introductory portion as follows:

12           **25-17-504. Restrictions on use of single-use plastic carryout**  
13 **bag - inventory exception.** (1) ~~Subject to section 25-17-505(1), on and~~  
14 ~~after January 1, 2024,~~ A store or retail food establishment shall not  
15 provide a single-use plastic carryout bag to a customer; except that a retail  
16 food establishment need not comply with this section if the retail food  
17 establishment:

18           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 25-17-505.

19           **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
20 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
22 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
23 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
24 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take

1 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
2 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.