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## **2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 170**

March 24, 2009 - Introduced by Representatives Schneider, Vruwink, Black, Benedict and Turner. Referred to Committee on Jobs, the Economy and Small Business.

1 AN ACT to create 100.287 of the statutes; relating to: regulating the provision

of certain bags to customers of retailers and granting rule-making authority.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits a person who is engaged in the retail sale of goods from providing a bag for a customer's purchases unless the bag is one of the following: 1) a compostable plastic bag; 2) a cloth or plastic bag intended for multiple reuses; or 3) a recyclable paper bag.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

## The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- **Section 1.** 100.287 of the statutes is created to read:
- 100.287 Provision of bags by retailers. No person who is engaged in the retail sale of goods may provide a bag to a customer for the purpose of carrying the customer's purchases unless the bag is any of the following:
  - (1) A compostable plastic bag, as defined by the department by rule.

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2	(a) The bag is made of cloth or other machine washable fabric.
3	(b) The bag has handles and is made of durable plastic that is not less than $2.25$
4	millimeters in thickness.
5	(3) A recyclable paper bag.

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