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AN ACT

1 Prohibiting grocery stores from providing to purchasers paper
2 and plastic bags for goods purchased at grocery stores.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Prohibition.

6 (a) General rule.--No grocery store may provide to the
7 purchaser of its goods any paper or plastic bag for the use of
8 the purchaser to remove the goods from the grocery store.

9 (b) Exception.--Subsection (a) shall not apply to the sale
10 at retail by a grocery store of paper or plastic bags which are
11 not used by a purchaser for the removal of any goods from the
12 grocery store at the time of the sale.

13 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, "grocery store"
14 means a retail establishment primarily engaged in the business
15 of selling or otherwise dealing at retail in fresh meats,
16 produce and groceries.

17 Section 2. Effective date.

1 This act shall take effect in 60 days.