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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.

18 This act shall take effect in 60 days.