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An Act to Amend the Plastic Bag Reduction Act

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BE IT ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor and the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows:

1. **Clause 1(f) of the *Plastic Bag Reduction Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-9.2, is repealed.**
2. (1) **Clause 4(2)(c) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:**
 - (c) the customer is charged a fee of not less than \$1 for a reusable bag.
- (2) **Clause 4(3)(b) of the Act is amended by the addition of the words “, other than a paper bag,” after the words “provide a checkout bag”.**
3. (1) **Clause 5(1)(a) of the Act is repealed.**
- (2) **Subclause 5(1)(b)(iii) of the Act is amended by the deletion of the word “fish” and the substitution of the word “seafood”.**

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SECTION 1 repeals clause 1(f) of the Act, which defined “small paper bag” for the purposes of the Act.

SECTION 2 repeals clause 4(2)(c) of the Act to eliminate the mandatory fee of 15 cents for a paper checkout bag, and substitutes a new clause (c) that only requires a customer to pay a \$1 fee for a reusable bag. The fee of \$1 for the reusable bag has not been changed. The section also amends clause 4(3)(b) of the Act to clarify that the prohibition against providing a checkout bag to a customer free of charge does not apply to a paper bag.

SECTION 3 repeals clause 5(1)(a) of the Act. This clause created an exemption for a “small paper bag” from the rules respecting checkout bags set out in section 4 of the Act. The exemption is no longer needed in consequence of the amendments made by section 2, above. The section also amends subclause 5(1)(b)(iii) of the Act to substitute the more general term “seafood” for the word “fish”, for greater clarity.

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Honourable Colin LaVie, Speaker

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