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Bills	Committee	Last action	<u>Date</u>
HB 1814 - Morrissey - Plastic bags; bans use by retailers at point of sale unless designed & manufactured for reuse.	(H) Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources	(H) Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources	02/10/09
notes: Bans the use of plastic carryout bags by retailers at the point of sale unless such bags are (i) durable plastic bags with handles; (ii) at least 2.25 mils thick; and (iii) specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse.			
HB 2009 - Ebbin - Incandescent light bulbs; bans sale or distribution in State, effective July 1, 2010.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Left in Commerce and Labor	02/10/09
notes: Bans the sale or distribution in the Commonwealth, effective July 1, 2010, of any general purpose incandescent light bulb. The Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services is authorized to adopt regulations to exempt types of light bulbs from the ban if it finds that the ban creates a significant hardship on the user or is unreasonable because of the lack of an adequate substitute. A violation of the ban is a Class 1 misdemeanor.			
HB 2010 - Ebbin - Paper and plastic bags; imposes fee on those used by purchasers to carry tangible personal property.	(H) Committee on Finance	(H) Left in Finance	02/10/09
notes: Imposes a fee of \$0.05 on paper and plastic bags used by purchasers to carry tangible personal property from the place of purchase. Durable, reusable plastic bags and bags used for ice cream, meat, fish, and poultry are exempt from the fee. The revenues raised by the fee will be deposited in the Water Quality Improvement Fund.			
HB 2012 - Ebbin - Appliances, certain; bans sale or distribution in State of any clothes washer, dehumidifer, etc.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Left in Commerce and Labor	02/10/09
notes: Bans the sale or distribution in the Commonwealth, effective July 1, 2011, of any clothes washer, dehumidifier, dishwasher, refrigerator, or room air conditioner that is designed for residential, non-commercial use, which has not been designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Energy as meeting or exceeding each such agency's requirements under the federal Energy Star program. The Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services is authorized to adopt regulations to exempt appliances from the ban if it finds that the ban creates a significant hardship on the user or is unreasonable because of the lack of an adequate substitute. A violation is a Class 1 misdemeanor.			
SB 971 - Blevins - Plastic bags; requires that certain stores provide	(S) Committee on Agriculture, Conservation	(S) Stricken at request of Patron in Agriculture,	01/19/09

on-premises recycling, therefor.	and Natural Resources	Conservation and Natural Resources (14-Y 0-N)	
<p>notes: Requires that, effective January 1, 2010, certain stores provide on-premises recycling for plastic bags. Stores that are part of a chain or occupy more than 5,000 square feet and distribute plastic bags to consumers must provide reusable bags for sale and take back and recycle used plastic bags. If requested by a store owner, the manufacturer of plastic bags must offer to arrange for the transportation and recycling services. Any violation is punishable by a civil penalty of up to \$100.</p>			
SB 984 - Wagner - Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act; stormwater regulations.	(S) Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources	(S) Stricken at request of Patron in Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (15-Y 0-N)	02/02/09
<p>notes: Requires that the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board adopt regulations that treat swimming pools and any other impoundments of surface waters, including fountains and retention ponds, as permeable surfaces for the purposes of stormwater management.</p>			
SB 1382 - Stolle - Smoking in restaurants; creates a statewide ban thereon.	(S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Left in Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)	02/05/09
<p>notes: Creates a statewide ban on smoking in restaurants, sets out exceptions to this ban, and provides for civil penalties for violation. The bill contains technical amendments.</p>			