KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Bluegrass Bill**	**Blue | BG 16** **Referred to Committee: Senate 2**
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School: Henderson Co. HS	House: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated Senate: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Henderson	

An act to ban single-use carryout plastic bags.

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will require an operator of a retail store to establish an at-store recycling program providing customers the opportunity to return plastic carryout bags to be sent to an affiliated recycling facility. This requirement would last for a one-year period after the law is enacted.

Section 2: This bill would prohibit stores that have a specified amount of sales in dollars and retail floor space from providing a single-use carryout plastic bag to a customer.

a. Amount of sales is calculated as the gross annual sale of one million dollars or more.
b. The store has at least 10,000 square feet of retail space.

Section 3: This bill would also prohibit those stores from freely distributing a recycled paper or compostable bags at the point of sale unless the store makes that bag available for purchase for not less than $0.10.

Section 4: This bill would allow a city, county, municipality, and/or the state to impose civil penalties on a person or entity that is knowingly or reasonably should have known they were in violation of the bill's requirements. Penalties will stack regardless of the enforcing party, but may not be dealt within three months of each other to allow the violator to correct the violation. These penalties would remain in effect until the law is repealed.

a. 1st offense- written notice of warning,
b. 2nd offense- post notice of violations (store-front visible by patrons and web-site post) and $5000 fine, and
c. 3rd offense and beyond- written posted notice and $10,000 fine.

Section 5: This bill would require these civil penalties to be paid to a centralized state fund to benefit recycling centers.

Section 6: This bill will be enacted for the Commonwealth of Kentucky by July 2017.