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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. **511**

- 01/31/2019 Authored by Elkins, Wagenius, Masin, Nelson, Youakim and others  
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations
- 03/18/2019 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register  
Read for the Second Time
- 05/20/2019 Pursuant to Rule 4.20, returned to the Committee on Government Operations
- 02/13/2020 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register  
Read for the Second Time

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to local government; repealing the prohibition on local ordinances
- 1.3 governing plastic bags and similar items; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2018,
- 1.4 section 471.9998.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. **REPEALER.**
- 1.7 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 471.9998, is repealed.
- 1.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

APPENDIX  
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 19-1409

**471.9998 MERCHANT BAGS.**

Subdivision 1. **Merchant option.** All merchants, itinerant vendors, and peddlers doing business in this state shall have the option to provide customers a paper, plastic, or reusable bag for the packaging of any item or good purchased, provided such purchase is of a size and manner commensurate with the use of paper, plastic, or reusable bags.

Subd. 2. **Prohibition; bag ban.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no political subdivision shall impose any ban upon the use of paper, plastic, or reusable bags for packaging of any item or good purchased from a merchant, itinerant vendor, or peddler.