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P r i n c e G e o r g e ' s

Meeting Date:

C o u n t y C o u n c i l

Requestor: M

Item Title: An Act to prohibit the sale of food by drive-in and fast food restaurants in plastic containers which are not biodegradable, returnable or separated at point of sale

Sponsors M

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| Date Presented | 4/17/90 | Executive Action | ___/___/___ | — |
| Committee Referral | (1) 4/17/90 | H&ED | Effective Date | ___/___/___ |
| Committee Action | (1) 6/13/90 | HELD | | |
| Date Introduced | ___/___/___ | | | |
| Pub. Hearing Date | () ___/___/___ | | | |
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| Drafter: Ralph E. Grutzmacher | Resource |
| Legislative Officer | Personnel: |

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 6/13/90

Committee Vote: Held in Committee, 3-0 (In Favor: Council Members Bell, MacKinnon and Wineland)

The Committee reviewed the legislation which requires drive-in and fast food restaurants to serve, sell or dispense food and beverages placed, wrapped or packaged in plastic containers or in plastic foam containers which are biodegradable, returnable or separated at the point of sale. The facilities must provide on-site recycling bins to recycle 50% of plastic or plastic foam food and beverage containers.

The Committee heard comments from the Department of Environmental resources and several members of the plastic container industry. These are included in the administrative file. Industry representatives included the following: Paul Hickey, Dart Container Corp.; Jim

Benfield, Committee for Environmentally Effective Packaging; Sandy Price, Sweetheart Cup Public Relations; Bob Cordingly, Scott Paper; Ed Gibbs, McDonalds Corp.; Bob Zinsmeister, P.G. Chamber of Commerce; and Steve Alexander, Council for Solid Waste Solutions.

The Committee recommended holding the legislation in Committee and requested a summer study committee to review the possibilities of recycling plastics and to report back to the Housing and Economic Development Committee with an interim report in 90 days.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

The proposed amendments to the County's solid waste recycling program would require that plastic food and beverage containers be degradable, returnable or separated at the point of sale for recycling. Section 21-152 is amended to provide for penalties if plastic containers are not in conformance with the proposed amendments.