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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting local governments from imposing
2 fees, taxes, or other charges on the transfer of disposable shopping
3 bags; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section
4 to chapter 35A.82 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.01 RCW;
5 adding a new section to chapter 82.14 RCW; creating new sections; and
6 declaring an emergency.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) A city or town may not impose a monetary charge on the transfer
11 of disposable paper shopping bags.

12 (2) For purposes of this section, "monetary charge" means any
13 governmental charge, regardless of its characterization as a fee, tax,
14 surcharge, or other type of monetary imposition.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.82 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) A code city may not impose a monetary charge on the transfer of
18 disposable paper shopping bags.

1 (2) For purposes of this section, "monetary charge" means any
2 governmental charge, regardless of its characterization as a fee, tax,
3 surcharge, or other type of monetary imposition.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 36.01 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A county may not impose a monetary charge on the transfer of
7 disposable paper shopping bags.

8 (2) For purposes of this section, "monetary charge" means any
9 governmental charge, regardless of its characterization as a fee, tax,
10 surcharge, or other type of monetary imposition.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 82.14 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 Nothing in this chapter authorizes a county or city to impose a tax
14 on the transfer of disposable paper shopping bags.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The legislature intends this act to be
16 curative, remedial, and retrospectively applicable to January 1, 2008.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The provisions of this act must be liberally
18 construed to effectuate its intent.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
21 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
22 immediately.

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