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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Hopkins, Edwards, McEntee, Speakman,
Handy, Carson, Kislak, Santucci, and Boylan

Date Introduced: April 08, 2026

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-19.18 of the General Laws entitled "Plastic Waste Reduction Act"

2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-19.18-7. Prohibition on black plastic takeout containers.**

4 (a) As used herein, the term "black plastic takeout containers" means and refers to
5 containers made from recycled polypropylene or mineral-filled polypropylene, and which are used
6 for and to take out prepared foods or beverages from a restaurant, store, or other retail sales
7 establishment.

8 (b) On and after October 1, 2026, restaurants, stores, and other retail sales establishments
9 are prohibited from making any black plastic takeout containers available to customers for use to
10 take out food or beverages from the establishment or restaurant. Restaurants, stores, and other retail
11 sales establishments that make deliveries of goods from its premises to customers are prohibited
12 from delivering food to customers in black plastic takeout containers

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on October 1, 2026.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION ACT

- 1 This act would prohibit the use of black plastic takeout containers for use to take prepared
- 2 foods and drinks from restaurants, stores, and other retail sales establishments.
- 3 This act would take effect on October 1, 2026.

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