

# PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION ACT

## "Here's What You Need to Know"

- The purpose of the Act is to reduce waste and environmental damage resulting from 30 million single-use plastic checkout bags.
- The Act received Royal Assent on June 12, 2018, and comes into force on **July 1, 2019**.
- The Act prohibits all businesses from distributing plastic checkout bags.
- These are the checkout bags you would normally receive from the cashier.
- Paper bag or reusable bags will be available from most businesses.
- A business must charge a minimum fee of 15 cents for a paper bag.
- A business must charge a minimum fee of \$1.00 for a reusable bag.
- Small paper bags (*less than 600 sq cm*) are exempt from the fee.
- A business may use up existing inventory of plastic checkout bags.
- Where possible, customers are encouraged to bring their own reusable bags.
- Businesses may obtain colour copies of posters & notices from the Environment Division, from Access PEI locations or from their local Chamber of Commerce to help inform consumers.



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