## **2007 SENATE BILL 451**

February 4, 2008 – Introduced by Senators Jauch and Schultz, cosponsored by Representatives Pocan, Berceau, Black, Parisi, Sherman, Sinicki, Smith, Turner and Young. Referred to Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

AN ACT *to create* 100.287 of the statutes; **relating to:** regulating the provision of certain plastic bags to customers of retailers of consumer goods and granting rule–making authority.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits a person who is engaged in the retail sale of goods for personal, family, or household use from providing a plastic bag for a customer's purchases unless the bag is compostable or reusable. This prohibition takes effect three years after the bill's publication date.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

## The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

**Section 1.** 100.287 of the statutes is created to read:

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**100.287 Provision of bags by retailers.** No person who is engaged in the retail sale of goods intended for personal, household, or family use may provide a plastic bag to a customer for the purpose of carrying the customer's purchases unless the plastic bag is any of the following:

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1	(1) A compostable plastic bag, as defined by the department by rule.
2	(2) Intended for reuse, if the bag is made of plastic that is not less than 2.25
3	thousandths of an inch in thickness.
4	Section 2. Effective date.
5	(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 36th month beginning after
6	publication.

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