

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3114

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator SMITH)

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 17, 2022

These floor amendments would:

(1) extend the time in which food banks and food pantries may continue to provide single-use plastic carryout bags to customers from 24 months to 27 months after the effective date of P.L.2020, c.117 (C.13:1E-99.126 et al.);

(2) reduce the time that grocery stores and third party grocery delivery services may provide or sell to customers single-use paper carryout bags or cardboard boxes for groceries prepared for delivery, pickup, or curbside pickup, from five years to three years after the date the bill is enacted into law;

(3) specify that the grocery store or third party grocery delivery service that is the recipient of an order placed by a customer for groceries to be prepared for delivery, pickup, or curbside pickup, is responsible for providing, or selling, the applicable packaging materials;

(4) provide grocery stores and third party grocery delivery services the option to establish a program to provide for the donation of reusable bags returned by customers to a food bank or food pantry; and

(5) provide that grocery stores and third party grocery delivery services that establish a reuse program, a recycling program, or a donation program pursuant to the bill, would not be required to take back reusable bags sold or provided to customers by another grocery store or third party grocery delivery service.