General Assembly

Proposed Bill No. 6521

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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION, OPERATION AND TAXATION OF DISCOUNT RETAILERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

That the general statutes be amended to (1) define "discount retailers", (2) authorize the adoption of municipal zoning regulations concerning the density and operation of discount retailers, (3) establish parity between discount retailers and grocery stores in terms of the acceptance of food assistance benefits, applicability of the single-use checkout bag fee, availability of bottle redemption options and applicability of health codes and other regulations pertaining to grocery stores, and (4) authorize municipalities to impose an excise tax on discount retailers, the revenue from which shall be deposited into the Main Street Revitalization Fund and distributed to municipalities.

Statement of Purpose:
To (1) define "discount retailers", (2) authorize the adoption of municipal zoning regulations concerning discount retailers, (3) establish parity between discount retailers and grocery stores, and (4) authorize municipalities to impose an excise tax on discount retailers.