

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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## **Summary of Changes from Version O to Version R**

*HB 264 - "An Act prohibiting disposable plastic bags; relating to a minimum price for paper and other shopping bags; relating to the sale of reusable shopping bags; and providing for an effective date."*

- 1.** Title: from "An Act relating to a fee for disposable shopping bags; relating to the sale of reusable shopping bags; relating to the recycling of disposable shopping bags; and providing for an effective date." to "An Act prohibiting disposable plastic shopping bags; relating to a minimum price for paper and other shopping bags; relating to the sale of reusable shopping bags; and providing for an effective date."
- 2.** Removes the fee for single-use bags and creates a ban for single-use (disposable) plastic bags.
- 3.** Establishes a minimum 10-cent fee for all other bags (plastic, reusable). The retail seller keeps 100% of this fee. Its purpose is to prevent a loophole that would allow store to give away thick plastic bags in lieu of single-use plastic bags.
- 4.** Removes the exemption for communities of less than 5,500 persons.
- 5.** Removes the 18-pound weight capacity requirement for reusable bags.