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Stiles supports vote for unrestricted use of plastic bags

Concord, NH -Today, the Senate voted down a bill enabling municipalities to establish bans on plastic shopping bags.

Senator Nancy Stiles (R- Hampton) issued a statement following the vote.

"I am supportive of local control for our cities and towns, however, I support the Senate's decision to vote down this unnecessary measure," said Senator Nancy Stiles (R-Hampton).

"The plastic bags are recyclable and many large grocery stores offer convenient drop off locations for patrons to do so. These shopping bags, commonly made of recycled material, are also part of a number of innovative projects that repurpose and recycle the plastic to be used as building materials including composite decking and a new plastic, maintenance free material used to construct bridges."

"In addition, a ban or added cost for plastic bags in-store would only serve to boost need for other materials, including paper or cardboard, which may result in greater impacts on the environment as well as an increase in costs felt by local retailers and grocery stores. I believe a concerted educational effort to proper recycling is a better first step."

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