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Subject: Comparison of Reusable Bag Definitions in NE States and New Jersey

Representative Sheldon:

As requested, see below for a comparison of the reusable bag definitions in New England states and New Jersey. Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Best, Jen

	Reusable Bag Definition	Bill
Rhode Island (S 0410)	Bag with handles designed for 125 uses, washable cloth, other durable woven or nonwoven fabric, polyester, polypropylene, or other durable plastic with a minimum thickness of four (4.0) mils.	http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/billtext19/senatetext19/s0410.htm

Massachusetts (H.771/S.462)	a sewn bag with stitched handles that is (i) specifically designed and manufactured for at least 175 uses; (ii) can carry 25 pounds over a distance of 300 feet; and (iii) is made of cloth or other machine-washable fabric other than polyethylene or polyvinyl chloride.	https://malegislature.gov/Bills/191/H771
New Hampshire (HB.560-FN)	Bag with handles, minimum thickness of 4.0 mils , woven or non-woven cloth or other machine-washable fabric that is NOT polyethylene or polyvinyl chloride. Capable of being used 100 times carrying 25 lbs over 300 ft.	http://gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billText.aspx?sy=2019&id=473&txtFormat=html
Maine (LD 1532)	Bag with handles designed for 75 uses, machine washable/designed for disinfection, at least 4 mils thick if made from plastic , capable of carrying minimum of 18 pounds	http://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1115&item=1&snum=129

<p>Vermont (S.113)</p>	<p>means a carryout bag that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and that is: (A) made of cloth or other machine-washable fabric that has handles; (B) a nonwoven polypropylene bag that has handles; or (C) a durable plastic bag that has handles and is at least 2.25 mils thick. ; or (D) made of paper or other material that is not plastic, has handles, and has a thickness of 2.25 mils or more</p>	<p>https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2020/Docs/BILLS/S-0113/S-0113%20As%20passed%20by%20the%20Senate%20Official.pdf</p>
<p>Connecticut (Raised bill 1003, proposed bill 5019)</p>	<p>"Reusable carryout bag" means a bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuses and is made of cloth, fiber, other machine washable fabric, or durable plastic that is at least twelve mils thick.</p>	<p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/FC/pdf/2019SB-01003-R000636-FC.PDF (Ban) https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/TOB/h/pdf/2019HB-05019-R01-HB.PDF (fee)</p>

New Jersey (S.2776)	Means a durable, handled carryout bag made from any natural or synthetic material other than plastic film, including, but not necessarily limited to, woven or nonwoven plastic or cloth, that is at least 10 mils thick , and that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse.	https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2018/Bills/S3000/2776_U1.PDF
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