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**A BILL**

To amend sections 504.04, 715.013, and 3767.32 and 1  
to enact section 301.30 of the Revised Code to 2  
specify the authority to use an auxiliary 3  
container, to temporarily prohibit the 4  
imposition of a tax or fee on those containers, 5  
and to apply existing anti-littering law to 6  
those containers. 7

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 504.04, 715.013, and 3767.32 be 8  
amended and section 301.30 of the Revised Code be enacted to 9  
read as follows: 10

**Sec. 301.30.** For twelve months after the effective date of 11  
the enactment of this section by H.B. 242 of the 133rd general 12  
assembly, no county that has adopted a charter under Section 3 13  
of Article X, Ohio Constitution, may impose a fee, tax, 14  
assessment, or other charge on auxiliary containers, on the 15

sales, use, or consumption of such containers, except as 16  
authorized in Chapters 5739. and 5741. of the Revised Code, or 17  
on the basis of receipts received from the sale of such 18  
containers. As used in this section, "auxiliary container" has 19  
the same meaning as in section 3767.32 of the Revised Code. 20

**Sec. 504.04.** (A) A township that adopts a limited home 21  
rule government may do all of the following by resolution, 22  
provided that any of these resolutions, other than a resolution 23  
to supply water or sewer services in accordance with sections 24  
504.18 to 504.20 of the Revised Code, may be enforced only by 25  
the imposition of civil fines as authorized in this chapter: 26

(1) Exercise all powers of local self-government within 27  
the unincorporated area of the township, other than powers that 28  
are in conflict with general laws, except that the township 29  
shall comply with the requirements and prohibitions of this 30  
chapter, and shall enact no taxes other than those authorized by 31  
general law, and except that no resolution adopted pursuant to 32  
this chapter shall encroach upon the powers, duties, and 33  
privileges of elected township officers or change, alter, 34  
combine, eliminate, or otherwise modify the form or structure of 35  
the township government unless the change is required or 36  
permitted by this chapter; 37

(2) Adopt and enforce within the unincorporated area of 38  
the township local police, sanitary, and other similar 39  
regulations that are not in conflict with general laws or 40  
otherwise prohibited by division (B) of this section; 41

(3) Supply water and sewer services to users within the 42  
unincorporated area of the township in accordance with sections 43  
504.18 to 504.20 of the Revised Code; 44

(4) Adopt and enforce within the unincorporated area of 45  
the township any resolution of a type described in section 46  
503.52 or 503.60 of the Revised Code. 47

(B) No resolution adopted pursuant to this chapter shall 48  
do any of the following: 49

(1) Create a criminal offense or impose criminal 50  
penalties, except as authorized by division (A) of this section 51  
or by section 503.52 of the Revised Code; 52

(2) Impose civil fines other than as authorized by this 53  
chapter; 54

(3) Establish or revise subdivision regulations, road 55  
construction standards, urban sediment rules, or storm water and 56  
drainage regulations, except as provided in section 504.21 of 57  
the Revised Code; 58

(4) Establish or revise building standards, building 59  
codes, and other standard codes except as provided in section 60  
504.13 of the Revised Code; 61

(5) Increase, decrease, or otherwise alter the powers or 62  
duties of a township under any other chapter of the Revised Code 63  
pertaining to agriculture or the conservation or development of 64  
natural resources; 65

(6) Establish regulations affecting hunting, trapping, 66  
fishing, or the possession, use, or sale of firearms; 67

(7) Establish or revise water or sewer regulations, except 68  
in accordance with section 504.18, 504.19, or 504.21 of the 69  
Revised Code; 70

(8) For twelve months after the effective date of the 71  
amendment of this section by H.B. 242 of the 133rd general 72

assembly, impose a fee, assessment, or other charge on auxiliary 73  
containers, on the sale, use, or consumption of such containers, 74  
or on the basis of receipts received from the sale of such 75  
containers. As used in this division, "auxiliary container" has 76  
the same meaning as in section 3767.32 of the Revised Code. 77

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as affecting 78  
the powers of counties with regard to the subjects listed in 79  
divisions (B) (3) to (5) of this section. 80

(C) Under a limited home rule government, all officers 81  
shall have the qualifications, and be nominated, elected, or 82  
appointed, as provided in Chapter 505. of the Revised Code, 83  
except that the board of township trustees shall appoint a full- 84  
time or part-time law director pursuant to section 504.15 of the 85  
Revised Code, and except that a five-member board of township 86  
trustees approved for the township before September 26, 2003, 87  
shall continue to serve as the legislative authority with 88  
successive members serving for four-year terms of office until a 89  
termination of a limited home rule government under section 90  
504.03 of the Revised Code. 91

(D) In case of conflict between resolutions enacted by a 92  
board of township trustees and municipal ordinances or 93  
resolutions, the ordinance or resolution enacted by the 94  
municipal corporation prevails. In case of conflict between 95  
resolutions enacted by a board of township trustees and any 96  
county resolution, the resolution enacted by the board of 97  
township trustees prevails. 98

**Sec. 715.013.** (A) Except as otherwise expressly authorized 99  
by the Revised Code, no municipal corporation shall levy a tax 100  
that is the same as or similar to a tax levied under Chapter 101  
322., 3734., 3769., 4123., 4141., 4301., 4303., 4305., 4307., 102

4309., 5707., 5725., 5726., 5727., 5728., 5729., 5731., 5735., 103  
5736., 5737., 5739., 5741., 5743., 5747., 5749., or 5751. of the 104  
Revised Code. 105

(B) For twelve months after the effective date of the 106  
amendment of this section by H.B. 242 of the 133rd general 107  
assembly, no municipal corporation may impose any tax, fee, 108  
assessment, or other charge on auxiliary containers, on the 109  
sale, use, or consumption of such containers, or on the basis of 110  
receipts received from the sale of such containers. As used in 111  
this division, "auxiliary container" has the same meaning as in 112  
section 3767.32 of the Revised Code. 113

(C) This section does not prohibit a municipal corporation 114  
from levying an income tax or withholding tax in accordance with 115  
Chapter 718. of the Revised Code, or a tax on any of the 116  
following: 117

(1) Amounts received for admission to any place; 118

(2) The income of an electric company or combined company, 119  
as defined in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code; 120

(3) On and after January 1, 2004, the income of a 121  
telephone company, as defined in section 5727.01 of the Revised 122  
Code. 123

**Sec. 3767.32.** (A) No person, regardless of intent, shall 124  
deposit litter or cause litter to be deposited on any public 125  
property, on private property not owned by the person, or in or 126  
on waters of the state unless one of the following applies: 127

(1) The person is directed to do so by a public official 128  
as part of a litter collection drive; 129

(2) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, 130

the person deposits the litter in a litter receptacle in a	131
manner that prevents its being carried away by the elements;	132
(3) The person is issued a permit or license covering the	133
litter pursuant to Chapter 3734. or 6111. of the Revised Code.	134
(B) No person, without privilege to do so, shall knowingly	135
deposit litter, or cause it to be deposited, in a litter	136
receptacle located on any public property or on any private	137
property not owned by the person unless one of the following	138
applies:	139
(1) The litter was generated or located on the property on	140
which the litter receptacle is located;	141
(2) The person is directed to do so by a public official	142
as part of a litter collection drive;	143
(3) The person is directed to do so by a person whom the	144
person reasonably believes to have the privilege to use the	145
litter receptacle;	146
(4) The litter consists of any of the following:	147
(a) The contents of a litter bag or container of a type	148
and size customarily carried and used in a motor vehicle;	149
(b) The contents of an ash tray of a type customarily	150
installed or carried and used in a motor vehicle;	151
(c) Beverage containers and food sacks, wrappings, and	152
containers of a type and in an amount that reasonably may be	153
expected to be generated during routine commuting or business or	154
recreational travel by a motor vehicle;	155
(d) Beverage containers, food sacks, wrappings,	156
containers, and other materials of a type and in an amount that	157

reasonably may be expected to be generated during a routine day 158  
by a person and deposited in a litter receptacle by a casual 159  
passerby. 160

(C) (1) As used in division (B) (1) of this section, "public 161  
property" includes any private property open to the public for 162  
the conduct of business, the provision of a service, or upon the 163  
payment of a fee, but does not include any private property to 164  
which the public otherwise does not have a right of access. 165

(2) As used in division (B) (4) of this section, "casual 166  
passerby" means a person who does not have depositing litter in 167  
a litter receptacle as the person's primary reason for traveling 168  
to or by the property on which the litter receptacle is located. 169

(D) As used in this section: 170

(1) "Litter" means garbage, trash, waste, rubbish, ashes, 171  
cans, bottles, wire, paper, cartons, boxes, automobile parts, 172  
furniture, glass, auxiliary containers, or anything else of an 173  
unsightly or unsanitary nature. 174

(2) "Deposit" means to throw, drop, discard, or place. 175

(3) "Litter receptacle" means a dumpster, trash can, trash 176  
bin, garbage can, or similar container in which litter is 177  
deposited for removal. 178

(4) "Auxiliary container" means a bag, can, cup, food or 179  
beverage service item, container, keg, bottle, or other 180  
packaging to which all of the following apply: 181

(a) It is designed to be either single use or reusable. 182

(b) It is made of cloth, paper, plastic, foamed or 183  
expanded plastic, cardboard, corrugated material, aluminum, 184  
metal, glass, postconsumer recycled material, or similar 185

materials or substances, including coated, laminated, or 186  
multilayered substrates. 187

(c) It is designed for consuming, transporting, or 188  
protecting merchandise, food, or beverages from or at a food 189  
service operation, retail food establishment, grocery, or any 190  
other type of retail, manufacturing, or distribution 191  
establishment. 192

(E) This section may be enforced by any sheriff, deputy 193  
sheriff, police officer of a municipal corporation, police 194  
constable or officer of a township, or township or joint police 195  
district, wildlife officer designated under section 1531.13 of 196  
the Revised Code, natural resources officer appointed under 197  
section 1501.24 of the Revised Code, forest-fire investigator 198  
appointed under section 1503.09 of the Revised Code, conservancy 199  
district police officer, inspector of nuisances of a county, or 200  
any other law enforcement officer within the law enforcement 201  
officer's jurisdiction. 202

**Section 2.** That existing sections 504.04, 715.013, and 203  
3767.32 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 204

**Section 3.** (A) As used in this section, "auxiliary 205  
container" means a bag, can, cup, food or beverage service item, 206  
container, keg, bottle, or other packaging to which all of the 207  
following apply: 208

(1) It is designed to be either single use or reusable. 209

(2) It is made of cloth, paper, plastic, foamed or 210  
expanded plastic, cardboard, corrugated material, aluminum, 211  
metal, glass, postconsumer recycled material, or similar 212  
materials or substances, including coated, laminated, or 213  
multilayered substrates. 214



(3) It is designed for consuming, transporting, or 215  
protecting merchandise, food, or beverages from or at a food 216  
service operation, retail food establishment, grocery, or any 217  
other type of retail, manufacturing, or distribution 218  
establishment. 219

(B) A person may use an auxiliary container for purposes 220  
of commerce or otherwise. Nothing in this section shall be 221  
construed to prohibit or limit the authority of any county, 222  
municipal corporation, or solid waste management district to 223  
implement a voluntary recycling program. 224

**Section 4.** That Section 3 of this act is hereby repealed, 225  
effective twelve months after the effective date of this 226  
section. 227