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A Bill

SENATE BILL 616

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW TO PROHIBIT MUNICIPALITIES
AND COUNTIES FROM RESTRICTING THE USE OF AUXILIARY
CONTAINERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW TO PROHIBIT
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RESTRICTING THE USE OF AUXILIARY
CONTAINERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

14-1-104. Auxiliary containers – Definition.

(a) As used in this section, "auxiliary container" means a bag, cup, package, container, bottle, device, or other packaging that is without limitation:

(1) Made of cloth, paper, plastic, foamed plastic, expanded plastic, cardboard, corrugated material, aluminum, glass, postconsumer recycled material, or similar coated or laminated material; and

(2) Designed for the consumption, transportation, or protection of merchandise, food, or beverage at a food service facility, manufacturing facility, distribution facility, processing facility, or retail facility.

(b) Except as provided under subsection (c) of this section, a municipality or county shall not restrict, tax, prohibit, or otherwise



regulate the use, disposition, or sale of auxiliary containers.

(c) A municipality or county may:

(1) Operate a recycling program, a composting program, and a solid waste disposal program; and

(2) Regulate the use of auxiliary containers on property owned by the municipality or county.

(d) This section does not:

(1) Affect a general state or local sales and use tax;

(2) Prevent a municipality or county from restricting the use of glass containers within the municipality or county based on public safety concerns; or

(3) Prevent a municipality or county from passing or enforcing an ordinance that prohibits littering, if the ordinance complies with subsection (b) of this section.