

## HR 1628

Trash Reduction Act of 2011

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** Apr 15, 2011

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands. (Apr 22, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/1628>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Apr 15, 2011

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 22, 2011
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 15, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Taxation

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Trash Reduction Act of 2011 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to require retailers to pay a \$0.05 excise tax on each disposable carryout bag provided to a consumer. Defines "disposable carryout bag" to mean a bag of any material, commonly plastic or kraft paper, which is provided to a consumer at the point of sale to carry or cover purchases, merchandise, or items. Exempts reusable bags and certain other bags used for specified purposes from such tax. Allows a refund of such tax for retailers who establish a disposable carryout bag recycling program.

Establishes in the Treasury the Disposable carryout bag Trust Fund to hold tax revenues generated by this Act. Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to make payments from such Trust Fund for the disposable carryout bag recycling program and for the land and water conservation fund established by the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965.

Directs the Comptroller General to report to Congress on the effectiveness of this Act in reducing the use of disposable carryout bags and encouraging recycling of such bags.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 22, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.
- **Apr 15, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 15, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E758-759)
- **Apr 15, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.