1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to regulation of auxiliary containers; amending s. 403.703, F.S.; defining the term 3 "auxiliary container"; amending s. 403.7033, F.S.; 4 5 removing obsolete provisions requiring the Department 6 of Environmental Protection to review and update a 7 specified report; prohibiting local regulation of 8 auxiliary containers; preempting such regulation to 9 the state; amending s. 403.707, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date. 10 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 14 Section 1. Subsections (2) through (48) of section 15 403.703, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as sections (3) through (49), respectively, present subsection (35) of that 16 17 section is amended, and a new subsection (2) is added to that section, to read: 18 403.703 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term: 19 20 "Auxiliary container" means a reusable or single-use 21 bag, cup, bottle, or other packaging that meets both of the 22 following requirements: 23 (a) Is made of cloth; paper; plastic, including, but not 24 limited to, foamed plastic, expanded plastic, or polystyrene;

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cardboard; molded fiber; corrugated material; aluminum; glass;

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postconsumer recycled material; or similar material or substrates, including coated, laminated, or multilayer substrates.

- (b) Is designed for transporting, consuming, or protecting merchandise, food, or beverages from or at a food service or retail facility.
- (36)(35) "Solid waste" means sludge unregulated under the federal Clean Water Act or Clean Air Act, sludge from a waste treatment works, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility, or garbage, rubbish, refuse, special waste, or other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from domestic, industrial, commercial, mining, agricultural, or governmental operations. Recovered materials as defined in subsection (29) (28) and postuse polymers as defined in subsection (25) (24) are not solid waste.
- Section 2. Section 403.7033, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 403.7033 Preemption of regulation for auxiliary containers

 Departmental analysis of particular recyclable materials.—The

 Legislature finds that prudent regulation of recyclable

 materials is crucial to the ongoing welfare of Florida's ecology

 and economy. As such, the Department of Environmental Protection

 shall review and update its 2010 report on retail bags analyzing

 the need for new or different regulation of auxiliary

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containers, wrappings, or disposable plastic bags used by consumers to carry products from retail establishments. The updated report must include input from state and local government agencies, stakeholders, private businesses, and citizens and must evaluate the efficacy and necessity of both statewide and local regulation of these materials. To ensure consistent and effective implementation, the department shall submit the updated report with conclusions and recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2021. Until such time that the Legislature adopts the recommendations of the department, A local government, local governmental agency, or state governmental agency may not enact any rule, regulation, or ordinance regarding use, disposition, sale, prohibition, restriction, or tax of such auxiliary containers. The regulation of auxiliary containers is expressly preempted to the state τ wrappings, or disposable plastic bags.

Section 3. Paragraph (j) of subsection (9) of section 403.707, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.707 Permits.-

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(9) The department shall establish a separate category for solid waste management facilities that accept only construction and demolition debris for disposal or recycling. The department shall establish a reasonable schedule for existing facilities to comply with this section to avoid undue hardship to such facilities. However, a permitted solid waste disposal unit that

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receives a significant amount of waste prior to the compliance deadline established in this schedule shall not be required to be retrofitted with liners or leachate control systems.

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The Legislature recognizes that recycling, waste reduction, and resource recovery are important aspects of an integrated solid waste management program and as such are necessary to protect the public health and the environment. If necessary to promote such an integrated program, the county may determine, after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing prior to April 30, 2008, that some or all of the material described in s. 403.703(7)(b) s. 403.703(6)(b) shall be excluded from the definition of "construction and demolition debris" in s. 403.703(7) s. 403.703(6) within the jurisdiction of such county. The county may make such a determination only if it finds that, prior to June 1, 2007, the county has established an adequate method for the use or recycling of such wood material at an existing or proposed solid waste management facility that is permitted or authorized by the department on June 1, 2007. The county is not required to hold a hearing if the county represents that it previously has held a hearing for such purpose, or if the county represents that it previously has held a public meeting or hearing that authorized such method for the use or recycling of trash or other nonputrescible waste materials and that such materials include those materials described in s. 403.703(7)(b) s. 403.703(6)(b). The county shall

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provide written notice of its determination to the department by no later than April 30, 2008; thereafter, the materials described in $\underline{s.\ 403.703(7)}\ \underline{s.\ 403.703(6)}$ shall be excluded from the definition of "construction and demolition debris" in $\underline{s.}\ 403.703(7)\ \underline{s.\ 403.703(6)}$ within the jurisdiction of such county. The county may withdraw or revoke its determination at any time by providing written notice to the department.

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Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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