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# Reps Adopt Bill Banning Use Of Plastic Bags, Prescribe N500,000 Fine

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A file photo of lawmakers during a plenary at the House of Representatives.

***The House of Representatives Committee on the Environment and Habitat has approved a bill prohibiting the use, manufacture and importation of all plastic bags used for commercial and household packaging.***

The lawmakers on Tuesday passed the bill, Plastic Bags (Prohibition) Bill, 2018, with the hope that it will address the issue of relieving pressure on landfills and protect the environment.



bill enacted by the National Assembly, states that a retailer shall offer a paper bag to the customer at a point of sale; and failure to do so, such retailer is guilty of an offence.

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It also added that a manufacturer of plastic bags, for the purpose of selling, whether as a carryout bag is guilty of an offence.

According to the bill, any person found guilty shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding N500, 000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

It also prescribes a fine of N5 million to companies guilty of the offences.

See the bill below:



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An Act To Among Other Things Prohibit The Use, Manufacture And Importation Of All Plastic Bags Used For Commercial And Household Packaging In Order To Address Its Harmful Impacts To Oceans, Rivers, Lakes, Forests, Environment, Wildlife As Well As Human Beings And Also To Relieve Pressure On Landfills And Waste Management And For Other Related Matters.

PROVISIONS OF THE BILL	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATION
ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:	
<p><b>Prohibition of Plastic bag</b></p> <p>1(1) The use, manufacturing, importation or sale of plastic bag is prohibited.</p> <p>(2) A Retailer shall offer a paper bag to the customer at a point of sale.</p> <p>(3) Any –</p> <p>a. retailer who provides customer with the plastic bag at a point of sale is guilty of an offence;</p> <p>b. person who manufacture plastic bag for the purpose of selling is guilty of an offence;</p> <p>c. person who import plastic bag whether as a carryout bag or for sale is guilty of an offence.</p>	Retained
<p><b>Penalties</b></p> <p>2 (1) Any person found guilty of the offences under clause1 shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand naira (₦ 500,000) or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding Three years or to both such fine and imprisonment.</p> <p>Any company or organization found guilty</p>	Retained





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of the offence provided in clause 1 shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding Five Million naira.	
<b>Citation</b> 3. This Bill may be cited as Plastic Bags (Prohibition) Bill, 2018.	Retained
<b>EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM</b> This bill seeks to among other things prohibit the use, manufacture and importation of all plastic bags used for commercial and household packaging in order to address its harmful impacts to oceans, rivers, lakes, forests, environment, wildlife as well as human beings and also to relieve pressure on landfills and waste management.	



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What is wrong with all these law makers? Instead of them to think on how plastics materials should be recycled they are talking about banning. What happens to sachet water bags, plastic bottles and the rest of plastics plastics? Do they even consider the number of people they going to take their jobs away? Nigeria is just too far from civilisation. Chaii!

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We need now good environment for all species sustainable and healthy living. **Climate change is real and we human are the architekton.**

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If there are no immediate better alternatives to plastic bags the bill will be deemed dead on arrival.

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So no more takeaway bags, or what's plastic bags?

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