

# HOUSE BILL No. 4083

February 7, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Sikkema, Bryant, Mathieu, Fitzgerald, Krause, Runco, Middaugh, Sofio, Sparks, Dolan, Gilmer, Willis Bullard, Power, Emmons, Gnodtke, London, DeBeaussiaert, Munsell and Gubow and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Recreation and Environment.

A bill to require certain prepackaged food and drink sold at certain food service establishments to be packaged or contained in degradable packaging or containers; and to prescribe certain penalties.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Degradable" means capable of being broken down by bio-  
3 degradation, photodegradation, or chemical degradation into com-  
4 ponent parts within 6 months under exposure to the elements.

5       (b) "Person" means an individual, sole proprietorship, part-  
6 nership, association, or corporation organized under the laws of  
7 this state or any other state.

8       Sec. 2. All packaging materials that are designed to be  
9 discarded and are used by a food service establishment that is  
10 commonly referred to as a fast-food restaurant to package or

1 contain individual portions of pre-prepared food or drink sold in  
2 this state for direct consumption on or off the premises shall be  
3 composed entirely of degradable materials.

4       Sec. 3. A person who violates this act is guilty of a mis-  
5 demeanor, punishable by a fine of \$1,000.00 for each day this act  
6 is violated.

7       Sec. 4. This act shall take effect 1 year after the date of  
8 its enactment.