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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT BEVERAGE CONTAINER YOKES BE
DEGRADABLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 52 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended to add
a new section to read:

"§ 14-399.2. Prohibition of nondegradable plastic beverage container yokes.

(a) No person may sell, use, or distribute for sale in the State any beverage
containers connected to each other by a yoke or ring type holding device carrier
constructed of plastic which yoke or ring is not capable of decomposing into benign
subunits by photodegradation, biodegradation, or chemical degradation within one year
upon exposure to the elements. Notice of degradability shall be embossed or otherwise
indicated on the holding device. This provision shall not prohibit the sale or distribution
for sale of container yokes to any person outside the State.

(b) Any person who sells, uses, or distributes beverage containers in violation of
this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than fifty
dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00). In lieu of a fine or any
portion thereof, or in addition to a fine, any violation of this section may also be
punished by a term of community service."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective 1 January 1990.