

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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1 State of Arkansas  
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1040

5 By: Representatives Allen, Blount, T. Baker, E. Brown, S. Dobbins, Greenberg, Hardy, Maxwell  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO PROTECT SHOPPERS FROM EXPOSURE TO  
10 GERMS, VIRUSES, BACTERIA, AND OTHER CONTAMINANTS;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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13 **Subtitle**

14 AN ACT TO PROTECT SHOPPERS FROM EXPOSURE  
15 TO GERMS, VIRUSES, BACTERIA, AND OTHER  
16 CONTAMINANTS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 7 is amended to add an  
22 additional subchapter to read as follows:

23 20-7-501. Title.

24 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas  
25 Health-Conscious Shopper Act".  
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27 20-7-502. Findings – Intent.

28 (a) The General Assembly finds that shopping cart handles may be  
29 contaminated with bodily fluids such as blood, saliva, mucus, and even urine  
30 and fecal matter.

31 (b) This subchapter is intended to:

32 (1) Increase awareness of Arkansas shoppers, infants, and young  
33 children about potential contamination from contact with by a shopping cart  
34 handle;

35 (2) Provide a barrier of protection between a shopper and a



1 shopping cart handle; and

2 (3) Prevent the spread of viruses or bacteria.

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4 20-7-503. Arkansas Health-Conscious Shopper Program.

5 (a) There is created the Arkansas Health-Conscious Shopper Program.

6 (b) Under the program, each Arkansas business that uses shopping carts  
7 or infant carriers is encouraged to voluntarily provide consumers with  
8 sanitation wipes at the entrance of its business on or before January 1,  
9 2008.

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11 20-7-504. Division of Health of the Department of Health and Human  
12 Services – Guidelines.

13 The Division of Health of the Department of Health and Human Services  
14 shall develop guidelines for businesses in the appropriate types and use of  
15 sanitation wipes for shopping cart handles.

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17 /s/ Allen

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19 APPROVED: 2/2/2007