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DRAFT MOTION

The Parliament of St. Maarten, in its meeting of today March 21, 2012

Considering:

- That the widespread provision of single-use disposable plastic carry-out bags to consumers creates significant problems relating to their disposal and effect on the environment;
- That single-use disposable plastic carry-out bags clog drainage and sewer systems leading to flooding, and pose a risk to (marine-) animals that ingest them or become entangled in them;
- That it is in the best interest of the population of St. Maarten, St. Maarten's natural environment and the island's main economic pillar, tourism, to limit adverse effects on the environment associated with single-use disposable plastic carry-out bags;

RESOLVES:

- That the Parliament of St. Maarten is against the importation and production of single-use disposable plastic carry-out bags;
- That the Parliament of St. Maarten supports a ban on the distribution of single-use disposable plastic carry-out bags, whether through sale or as a complimentary service, to consumers; by wholesalers and retailers: including but not limited to merchants, grocery stores, drug stores, liquor stores, restaurants, gas stations and food vendors;
- That all wholesalers and retailers shall provide only the following as carry-out bags to consumers: reusable carry-out bags, recyclable carry-out bags or entirely biodegradable carry-out bags;
- To call on the government of St. Maarten to present to Parliament within 120 days a draft ordinance regulating the ban of single use plastic carry-out bags for its consideration.

And goes over to the order of the day.

Copies of this motion to be sent to:

The Governor of St Maarten

The Government of St Maarten

The Council of Advice of St Maarten





STATEN VAN SINT MAARTEN
Thursday, March 22, 2012 Public Meeting no. 13

Voting list Motion no. 3

NO.	NAME	VOOR/FOR	TEGEN/AGAINST
1.	Drs. Gracita R. Arrindell		
2.	P.G. Illidge		
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4.	J.E. Leonard		
5.	J.C. James		
6.	R.J. Laville		
7.	R.A.G. Douglass		
8.	R.R. Marlin		
9.	P.L. de Weever		
10.	W.V. Marlin		
11.	L.J. Richardson		
12.	G.C. Pantophlet		
13.	H.L. Richardson		
14.	L.E. Laveist		
15.	F.G. Richardson		