

By Representative Hart

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to shopping carts; amending s.
 3 506.5131, F.S.; revising the types of
 4 assessments which may be made against the owner
 5 of a shopping cart found on public property;
 6 providing a limit on fees which may be assessed
 7 against such owner; removing a condition that
 8 such fee be approved by the Department of
 9 Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing an
 10 effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14 Section 1. Section 506.5131, Florida Statutes, is
 15 amended to read:

16 506.5131 Return of shopping carts; assessment of fees,
 17 ~~finer, and costs.~~--

18 (1) The rightful owner of any shopping cart with a
 19 registered name or mark found on public property shall be
 20 immediately notified of its recovery.

21 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or
 22 local ordinance, no fee in excess of \$500 per shopping cart,
 23 ~~fine, or costs~~ may be assessed against the owner of a shopping
 24 cart found on public property, unless the shopping cart was
 25 removed from the premises or parking area of a retail
 26 establishment by the owner of the shopping cart, or an
 27 employee acting on the owner's behalf, ~~and such fee, fine, or~~
 28 ~~cost has been approved by the Department of Agriculture and~~
 29 ~~Consumer Services.~~

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
 31 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Revises the types of assessments which may be made against the owner of a shopping cart found on public property. Provides that no fee greater than \$500 per shopping cart may be assessed against the owner of a shopping cart found on public property. Removes a condition that such fee be approved by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.