

**HB 3325 - DIGEST**

Clarifies the existing authority of all incorporated cities and towns, including unclassified cities and towns operating under special charters, to adopt ordinances regulating the care, safety, and retrieval of abandoned shopping carts from grocery stores and other retail establishments.

Requires incorporated cities and towns adopting a new ordinance, or reaffirming an existing ordinance, to provide an exception from enforcement provisions, penalties, and additional administrative fees for retail establishments demonstrating, through a mutually agreeable process, that they have established or have contracts in place with a vendor to establish a qualified shopping cart recovery program.

Provides retail establishments that elect not to establish or contract with a vendor for a qualified shopping cart recovery program are subject to all applicable processes, enforcement provisions, fees, and penalties imposed under local ordinances that govern abandoned shopping carts.

Provides all incorporated cities and towns retain the authority to address abandoned shopping carts that pose an identifiable and immediate risk to public health, safety, and welfare, and to utilize fee and penalty provisions of local ordinances that govern the recovery and return of such carts.