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WHAT WILL TRUMP'S TARIFFS MEAN FOR BUSINESSES? COMPANIES ARE ALREADY SCRAMBLING TO AVOID POTENTIAL TARIFFS.

STATEWIDE PLASTIC BAG BAN PASSES THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE.

The Massachusetts Senate passed legislation that would ban single-use plastic shopping bags at retail shops across the state.

The "Act to Reduce Plastics", which includes the bag ban and other initiatives to reduce plastic waste, now goes to the House for consideration.

The legislation banning plastic bags passed by the Senate would also require retailers to charge customers 10 cents for a paper bag. Half of that fee would be set aside for environmental protection measures across the state.

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Donald Trump's victory in the 2024 presidential election has put tariffs back in the spotlight. Throughout his campaign, Trump vowed to aggressively impose tariffs on imports from countries such as China, emphasizing that again in his victory speech early Wednesday, saying "promises made, promises kept."

Manufacturing is likely to be heavily impacted by tariffs, and everything from automakers to consumer electronic companies rely heavily on global supply chains, which makes them more vulnerable.

Many retailers who sell items like apparel, toys, furniture, household appliances, footwear, and travel goods will also be impacted, according to the NRF, which estimates Trump's proposals could have a \$78 billion cumulative impact on consumer spending power.

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PLASTIC BAG BANS TACKLE OCEAN POLLUTION RIGHT, STUDY FINDS.

Plastic bag bans in the U.S. have proven effective in reducing plastic litter and pollution in the ocean, according to a new study from the environmental nonprofit Ocean Conservancy.

The report highlights the positive impact of these bans on reducing the amount of plastic waste entering the ocean, which totals over 12 million tons annually, including plastic bottles and carrier bags, threatening marine ecosystems and wildlife.



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