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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require biodegradable
9 plastic containers to meet standards for
10 compostable products and be clearly labeled to
11 prevent contamination of recyclable plastic
12 containers.

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14 A BILL
15 TO BE ENTITLED
16 AN ACT

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18 Relating to recycling; to require biodegradable
19 plastic containers to meet standards for compostable products
20 and be clearly labeled to prevent contamination of recyclable
21 plastic containers

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. No person shall distribute, sell, or
24 offer for sale any rigid plastic container, including a
25 plastic beverage container, labeled "degradable,"
26 "biodegradable," "compostable," or any other word suggesting

1 the container will biodegrade, unless it meets the following
2 requirements:

3 (1) The container complies with the United States
4 Federal Trade Commission's Guides for the Use of Environmental
5 Marketing Claims, 16 CFR Part 260, as amended.

6 (2) The container includes the label "Not
7 Recyclable, Do Not Recycle" in print of the same color,
8 contrast, font, and size as the label suggesting the container
9 is biodegradable.

10 Section 2. This act shall become effective on July
11 1, 2014.