

# A Bill to Promote Research and Development of Biodegradable Plastic

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall hereby subsidize the  
3 research, development, and production of biodegradable plastics.

4 **SECTION 2.** Biodegradable plastics shall be defined as plastics that decompose  
5 naturally in the environment or decompose when introduced to certain  
6 enzymes.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency shall oversee implementation and  
8 enforcement of this legislation by annually subsidizing biodegradable  
9 plastic researchers and manufacturers in the amount of at least \$2 billion  
10 US dollars.

11 **A.** The subsidies provided to researchers will be based on how much  
12 measurable progress is made each year.

13 **B.** The subsidies provided to manufacturers will be given in the form  
14 of cash grants.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect at the start of 2020.

16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School*