

**A LEGAL STUDY ON THE USAGE AND DISPOSAL OF PLASTIC  
SHOPPING BAGS IN MALAYSIAN SUPERMARKETS**

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Everyday, when we went to supermarket, at the end of the day we will carry a number of plastic bag in order to carry our groceries and things bought from the supermarket. Some of us will throw the plastic bag into the dustbin while some of us will reuse it as a garbage plastic bag. This is the normal thing that happen everyday. Day to day, number of plastic bag consume increase and as at year 2006, total amount of garbage in Malaysia is much enough to cover out Petronas Twin Tower Building, and 30% of its is plastic bags. Do we think what will happen in 20 years time if the number of this garbage has not been controlled? The situation will be worse than now.

This is the main reason why we conduct this. With the specification to plastic bag, we hope the little effort made by us will help our government in saving out Mother Nature for our next generation.

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## **ABSTRACT**

The title of this research is “A Legal Study on the Usage and Disposal of Plastic Shopping Bags in Malaysian Supermarkets”. This research is done to address the environmental problems in Malaysia.

Recently, Malaysia had suffered from environmental problems such as air pollution and water pollution. The main reason for these problems is the uncontrolled usage of plastic shopping bags and the problem with the disposal system. We need to find the best solution to overcome these problems in order to avoid a greater damage to the environment.

Since we don't have a specific regulation regarding the usage and disposal of plastic shopping bags, we need to look at other countries and how they had adopted the regulations regarding this matter. From this, we can find the best solution and the most suitable way to be implemented in Malaysia. We also need to take into account few aspects such as the implementation and the enforcement in order to suits our society.

In the end of this research, we will come out with few suggestions for the government to take action in order to overcome this problem. We hope that with the suggestions, we can help the environment for future generation

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