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Substitute Senate Bill No. 871

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The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. STILLMAN of the 20th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT EXPANDING THE BOTTLE BILL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of section 22a-243 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective upon*
3 *the effective date of an expansion of the beverage container redemption laws in*
4 *the states of Massachusetts and New York and upon the effective date of the*
5 *adoption of a beverage container redemption law in the state of Rhode Island):*

6 (1) "Beverage" means beer [or] and other malt beverages, [and]
7 noncarbonated one hundred per cent water, or mineral waters, soda
8 water and similar carbonated soft drinks in liquid form and intended
9 for human consumption.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>upon the effective date of an expansion of the beverage container redemption laws in the states of Massachusetts and New York and upon the effective date of the adoption of a beverage container redemption law in the state of Rhode Island</i>	22a-243(1)
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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The legislation is effective only when Massachusetts and New York expand their beverage container laws and upon the adoption of a beverage container law by Rhode Island. No impact is anticipated at the current time.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT EXPANDING THE BOTTLE BILL**SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the beverage container redemption law to include bottles containing noncarbonated, 100% water, if both New York and Massachusetts expand their bottle redemption laws and Rhode Island adopts such a law. Connecticut's beverage container redemption law currently applies to beer and other malt beverages, soda and mineral water, and carbonated soft drinks.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon the effective date of (1) an expansion of the beverage container redemption laws in New York and Massachusetts and (2) the adoption of a beverage container redemption law in Rhode Island.

BACKGROUND***Beverage Container Redemption law***

Connecticut's deposit system under the redemption law works as follows:

1. retailers pay beverage container distributors \$.05 for each beer or carbonated soft drink container that the distributors deliver;
2. the consumer pays the retailer \$.05 for each beer or carbonated soft drink container that he purchases from the retailer;
3. the retailer or redemption center pays the consumer \$.05 for each container that he returns;
4. the distributor reimburses the retailer or redemption center \$.05 for each beer and carbonated soft drink container, plus a handling fee of \$.015 on each beer container and \$.02 on each carbonated soft drink container returned; and

5. the distributor keeps the \$.05 for each unclaimed deposit.

New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island

New York and Massachusetts have beverage container redemption laws that, like Connecticut, do not include noncarbonated water bottles. Rhode Island does not have a bottle bill.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

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