



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6540

House of Representatives, April 4, 2013

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. GENTILE of the 104th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF CERTAIN BEVERAGES IN MIXED MATERIAL CONTAINERS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22a-255 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 As used in sections 22a-255a to 22a-255c, inclusive:

4 (1) "Beverage" means [beer or other malt beverages and] mineral
5 waters, soda water [and] or carbonated soft drinks in liquid form and
6 intended for human consumption;

7 (2) "Plastic bottle" means a container with a capacity of sixteen
8 ounces or more composed primarily of one or more plastics; and

9 (3) "Closure" means a screw on or twist off cap used to close a
10 container when such cap is not integral to the structure of the
11 container.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-255

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: See Below

Explanation

The bill allows beer and other malt beverages in mixed material containers to be offered for sale. As these containers are not recyclable, there may be a minimal increase in the amount of municipal solid waste (MSW) that is subject to tip fees¹, which could increase costs to various municipalities. While the number of these containers that would be sold is not known at this time, the percentage that their volume would increase MSW is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: The fiscal impact identified above would continue into the outyears subject to inflation.

¹ Tip fees are up to \$70 per ton

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The beverage packaging law generally prohibits selling or offering for sale plastic beverage containers that include aluminum or steel in the containers' basic structure.

This bill exempts beer and other malt beverages from the law's definition of "beverage," thus allowing the sale and offer for sale of beer and other malt beverages in plastic containers containing these metals. It continues to ban the sale or offer for sale of these containers for mineral waters, soda water, and carbonated soft drinks.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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