



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 67***

LCO No. 696



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF JUICES, TEAS AND SPORTS DRINKS UNDER CONNECTICUT'S BOTTLE BILL.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 22a-243 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

3 For purposes of sections 22a-243 to 22a-245c, inclusive:

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

7 (2) "Noncarbonated beverage" means any juice, tea, sports drink,  
8 water, including flavored water [,] or nutritionally enhanced water and  
9 any beverage that is identified through the use of letters, words or  
10 symbols on such beverage's product label as a type of juice, tea, sports  
11 drink or water, but excluding [juice and] mineral water;

12 (3) "Beverage container" means the individual, separate, sealed  
13 glass, metal or plastic bottle, can, jar or carton containing a carbonated

14 or noncarbonated beverage, but does not include a bottle, can, jar or  
15 carton (A) three liters or more in size if containing a noncarbonated  
16 beverage, or (B) made of high-density polyethylene;

17 (4) "Consumer" means every person who purchases a beverage in a  
18 beverage container for use or consumption;

19 (5) "Dealer" means every person who engages in the sale of  
20 beverages in beverage containers to a consumer;

21 (6) "Distributor" means every person who engages in the sale of  
22 beverages in beverage containers to a dealer in this state including any  
23 manufacturer who engages in such sale and includes a dealer who  
24 engages in the sale of beverages in beverage containers on which no  
25 deposit has been collected prior to retail sale;

26 (7) "Manufacturer" means every person bottling, canning or  
27 otherwise filling beverage containers for sale to distributors or dealers  
28 or, in the case of private label brands, the owner of the private label  
29 trademark;

30 (8) "Place of business of a dealer" means the fixed location at which  
31 a dealer sells or offers for sale beverages in beverage containers to  
32 consumers;

33 (9) "Redemption center" means any facility established to redeem  
34 empty beverage containers from consumers or to collect and sort  
35 empty beverage containers from dealers and to prepare such  
36 containers for redemption by the appropriate distributors;

37 (10) "Use or consumption" includes the exercise of any right or  
38 power over a beverage incident to the ownership thereof, other than  
39 the sale or the keeping or retention of a beverage for the purposes of  
40 sale;

41 (11) "Nonrefillable beverage container" means a beverage container  
42 which is not designed to be refilled and reused in its original shape;

43 and

44 (12) "Deposit initiator" means the first distributor to collect the  
45 deposit on a beverage container sold to any person within this state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	22a-243

**Statement of Purpose:**

To expand Connecticut's Bottle Bill in order to include juices, teas and sports drinks.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*