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Raised Bill No. 312

LCO No. 2124



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO STUDY BOTTLE BILL BEVERAGE CONTAINER REFUND VALUES AND REDEMPTION FEES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Energy and
2 Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of
3 Revenue Services, shall conduct a study on the possible elimination of
4 the beverage container refund value specified in section 22a-244 of the
5 general statutes and the substitution of such refund value with a
6 nonrefundable four-cent recycling fee, to be used to promote recycling
7 and anti-littering programs in the state. Not later than December 31,
8 2016, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
9 submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
10 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
11 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment and finance
12 and revenue. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, any
13 recommended legislation to facilitate the implementation of the
14 recommendations developed pursuant to such study.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to study the repeal of the refundable bottle bill deposit and the implementation of a nonrefundable four-cent recycling fee, to be used to promote recycling and anti-littering programs in the state.

[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.]