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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 on Connecticut's recycling and beverage container redemption
5 programs. The task force shall: (1) Examine, review and analyze the
6 state's existing beverage container redemption laws to assess their
7 efficacy in achieving the state's recycling goals and in promoting the
8 use and reuse of materials in an economically and environmentally
9 sustainable manner. Such analysis shall include, but need not be
10 limited to, the relative burdens, costs and benefits of the state's
11 recycling and beverage container redemption programs to the
12 environment, consumers, retailers, deposit initiators, handling fee
13 recipients, the state and municipalities; (2) evaluate the state of current

14 recycling programs as they pertain to beverage containers in the state
15 and opportunities for improving their performance through the
16 implementation of alternative programs, including an analysis of the
17 incremental costs and benefits of such programs for the environment,
18 consumers, recycling industries, the state and municipalities; and (3)
19 assess the transition costs of instituting alternative systems that would
20 achieve similar or better recycling and reuse of containers and provide
21 for enhanced litter prevention and control efforts in the state.

22 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

23 (1) A representative of the package store industry and a
24 representative of the recyclable materials and commodities disposal
25 industry, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

26 (2) A representative of the Connecticut beer wholesaling industry
27 and a representative of the Connecticut Restaurant Association,
28 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

29 (3) A representative of the reverse vending material recovery
30 industry, appointed by the majority leader of the House of
31 Representatives;

32 (4) A representative of redemption centers, appointed by the
33 majority leader of the Senate;

34 (5) A representative of the soft drink industry, appointed by the
35 minority leader of the House of Representatives;

36 (6) A municipal recycling coordinator, appointed by the minority
37 leader of the Senate;

38 (7) A representative of an environmental organization involved
39 with litter and recycling issues, jointly appointed by the chairpersons
40 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
41 cognizance of matters relating to the environment;

42 (8) A representative of a not-for-profit entity that conducts bottle

43 drive campaigns, jointly appointed by the ranking members of the
44 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
45 of matters relating to the environment;

46 (9) A member of the grocery store industry, jointly appointed by the
47 chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
48 having cognizance of matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding;
49 and

50 (10) A representative of the glass beneficiation industry, jointly
51 appointed by the ranking members of the joint standing committee of
52 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance,
53 revenue and bonding.

54 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
55 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
56 filled by the appointing authority.

57 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
58 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the two chairpersons of the task
59 force from among the stakeholder members of the task force. Such
60 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which
61 shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this
62 section.

63 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
64 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance,
65 revenue and bonding shall serve as administrative staff of the task
66 force.

67 (f) Not later than January 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a
68 report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the
69 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
70 of matters relating to the environment and finance, revenue and
71 bonding. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, any
72 recommended legislation to facilitate the implementation of the
73 recommendations developed pursuant to such study. The task force

74 shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1,
75 2017, whichever is later."

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