



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 383**

January Session, 2017

House Bill No. 5618

*House of Representatives, April 4, 2017*

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. DEMICCO of the 21st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE HANDLING FEE FOR BOTTLE REDEMPTION CENTERS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 22a-245 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2017*):

4 (d) In addition to the refund value of a beverage container, a  
5 distributor shall pay to any dealer or operator of a redemption center a  
6 handling fee of at least [one] two and one-half cents for each container  
7 of beer or other malt beverage and [two] three cents for each beverage  
8 container of mineral waters, soda water and similar carbonated soft  
9 drinks or noncarbonated beverage returned for redemption. A  
10 distributor shall not be required to pay to a manufacturer the refund  
11 value of a nonrefillable beverage container.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	22a-245(d)

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill increases the handling fee for certain beverage containers. This does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities as this fee is paid directly to the third-party handlers.

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**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5618*****AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE HANDLING FEE FOR BOTTLE REDEMPTION CENTERS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill increases, by one cent each, the handling fees for beverage containers redeemed under the state's bottle redemption law. It increases, from 1.5 cents to 2.5 cents, the minimum fee for containers of beer and other malt beverages, and from two cents to three cents, the minimum fee for containers of mineral water, soda and carbonated soft drinks, and water. By law, distributors pay handling fees to dealers and redemption center operators. Beverage containers include certain glass, metal, and plastic bottles, cans, jars, and cartons.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/22/2017)