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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BOTTLE RECYCLING FEE IN LIEU OF A REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT.

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 Section 22a-243 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 July 1, 2018*):

3 For purposes of sections 22a-243 to 22a-245c, inclusive, as amended
4 by this act:

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

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

13 (3) "Beverage container" means the individual, separate, sealed

14 glass, metal or plastic bottle, can, jar or carton containing a carbonated
15 or noncarbonated beverage, but does not include a bottle, can, jar or
16 carton (A) three liters or more in size if containing a noncarbonated
17 beverage, [or] (B) made of high-density polyethylene, or (C) fifty
18 milliliters or more in size if containing a spirit or liquor;

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

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

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

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

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

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

39 [(10)] (8) "Use or consumption" includes the exercise of any right or
40 power over a beverage incident to the ownership thereof, other than
41 the sale or the keeping or retention of a beverage for the purposes of
42 sale; and

43 [(11) "Nonrefillable beverage container" means a beverage container
44 which is not designed to be refilled and reused in its original shape;
45 and]

46 [(12) "Deposit initiator"] (9) "Recycling fee initiator" means the first
47 distributor to collect the [deposit] recycling fee on a beverage container
48 sold to any person within this state.

49 Sec. 2. Section 22a-244 of the general statutes is repealed and the
50 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

51 (a) (1) Every beverage container containing a carbonated beverage
52 sold or offered for sale in this state, except for any such beverage
53 containers sold or offered for sale for consumption on an interstate
54 passenger carrier, shall have a [refund value] recycling fee. Such
55 [refund value] recycling fee shall not be less than [five] four cents and
56 shall be a uniform amount throughout the distribution process in this
57 state. (2) Every beverage container containing a noncarbonated
58 beverage sold or offered for sale in this state shall have a [refund
59 value] recycling fee, except for beverage containers containing a
60 noncarbonated beverage that are [(A)] sold or offered for sale for
61 consumption on an interstate passenger carrier, [, or (B) that comprise
62 any dealer's existing inventory as of March 31, 2009. Such refund
63 value] Such recycling fee shall not be less than [five] four cents and
64 shall be a uniform amount throughout the distribution process in this
65 state.

66 (b) Every beverage container sold or offered for sale in this state,
67 that has a [refund value] recycling fee pursuant to subsection (a) of this
68 section, shall clearly indicate by embossing or by a stamp or by a label
69 or other method securely affixed to the beverage container (1) either
70 the [refund value] recycling fee of the container [or] and the words
71 ["return for deposit"] "do not return for deposit" or ["return for
72 refund"] "recycle this container" or other words as approved by the
73 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and (2) either

74 the word "Connecticut" or the abbreviation "Ct.", provided this
75 subdivision shall not apply to glass beverage containers permanently
76 marked or embossed with a brand name.

77 (c) No person shall sell or offer for sale in this state any metal
78 beverage container (1) a part of which is designed to be detached in
79 order to open such container, or (2) that is connected to another
80 beverage container by a device constructed of a material which does
81 not decompose by photodegradation, chemical degradation or
82 biodegradation within a reasonable time after exposure to the
83 elements.

84 Sec. 3. Section 22a-245a of the general statutes is repealed and the
85 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

86 (a) Each [deposit] recycling fee initiator shall open a special interest-
87 bearing account at a Connecticut branch of a financial institution, as
88 defined in section 45a-557a, to the credit of the [deposit] recycling fee
89 initiator. Each [deposit] recycling fee initiator shall deposit in such
90 account an amount equal to the [refund value] recycling fee
91 established pursuant to subsection (a) of section 22a-244, as amended
92 by this act, for each beverage container sold by such [deposit] recycling
93 fee initiator. Such [deposit] recycling fee shall be made not more than
94 one month after the date such beverage container is sold. [, provided
95 for any beverage container sold during the period from December 1,
96 2008, to December 31, 2008, inclusive, such deposit shall be made not
97 later than January 5, 2009.] All interest, dividends and returns earned
98 on the special account shall be paid directly into such account. Such
99 moneys shall be kept separate and apart from all other moneys in the
100 possession of the [deposit] recycling fee initiator. The amount required
101 to be deposited pursuant to this section, when deposited, shall be held
102 to be a special fund in trust for the state.

103 [(b) (1) Any reimbursement of the refund value for a redeemed
104 beverage container shall be paid from the deposit initiator's special

105 account, with such payment to be computed, subject to the provisions
106 of subdivision (2) of this subsection, under the cash receipts and
107 disbursements method of accounting, as described in Section 446(c)(1)
108 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent
109 corresponding Internal Revenue Code of the United States, as
110 amended from time to time.

111 (2) A deposit initiator may petition the Commissioner of Revenue
112 Services for an alternate method of accounting by filing with such
113 deposit initiator's return a statement of objections and other proposed
114 alternate method of accounting, as such deposit initiator believes
115 proper and equitable under the circumstances, that is accompanied by
116 supporting details and proof. The Commissioner of Revenue Services
117 shall promptly notify such deposit initiator whether the proposed
118 alternate method is accepted as reasonable and equitable and, if so
119 accepted, shall adjust such deposit initiator's return and payment of
120 reimbursement accordingly.]

121 [(c)] (b) (1) [Each deposit initiator shall submit a report on March 15,
122 2009, for the period from December 1, 2008, to February 28, 2009,
123 inclusive.] Each deposit initiator shall submit a report on [July 31,
124 2009] October 31, 2018, for the period from [March 1, 2009, to June 30,
125 2009] July 1, 2018, to September 30, 2018, inclusive, and thereafter shall
126 submit a quarterly report for the immediately preceding calendar
127 quarter one month after the close of such quarter. Each such report
128 shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
129 Protection, on a form prescribed by the commissioner and with such
130 information as the commissioner deems necessary, including, but not
131 limited to: (A) The balance in the special account at the beginning of
132 the quarter for which the report is prepared; (B) a list of all [deposits]
133 recycling fees credited to such account during such quarter, including
134 all [refund values] recycling fees paid to the [deposit] recycling fee
135 initiator and all interest, dividends or returns received on the account;
136 (C) a list of all withdrawals from such account during such quarter, all
137 service charges and overdraft charges on the account and all payments

138 made pursuant to subsection [(d)] (c) of this section; and (D) the
139 balance in the account at the close of the quarter for which the report is
140 prepared.

141 (2) Each deposit initiator shall submit a report on October 31, [2010]
142 2018, for the calendar quarter beginning July 1, [2010] 2018.
143 Subsequently, each deposit initiator shall submit a quarterly report for
144 the immediately preceding calendar quarter, on or before the last day
145 of the month next succeeding the close of such quarter. Each such
146 report shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Revenue Services, on
147 a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue Services, and with
148 such information as the Commissioner of Revenue Services deems
149 necessary, including, but not limited to, the following information: (A)
150 The balance in the special account at the beginning of the quarter for
151 which the report is prepared, (B) all [deposits] recycling fees credited
152 to such account during such quarter, including all [refund values]
153 recycling fees paid to the [deposit] recycling fee initiator and all
154 interest, dividends or returns received on such account, (C) all
155 withdrawals from such account during such quarter, including all
156 service charges and overdraft charges on such account and all
157 payments made pursuant to subsection [(d)] (c) of this section, and (D)
158 the balance in such account at the close of the quarter for which the
159 report is prepared. Such quarterly report shall be filed electronically
160 with the Commissioner of Revenue Services, in the manner provided
161 by chapter 228g.

162 [(d) (1) On or before April 30, 2009, each deposit initiator shall pay
163 the balance outstanding in the special account that is attributable to the
164 period from December 1, 2008, to March 31, 2009, inclusive, to the
165 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection for deposit in
166 the General Fund. Thereafter, the balance outstanding in the special
167 account that is attributable to the immediately preceding calendar
168 quarter shall be paid by the deposit initiator one month after the close
169 of such quarter to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
170 Protection for deposit in the General Fund. If the amount of the

171 required payment pursuant to this subdivision is not paid by the date
172 seven days after the due date, a penalty of ten per cent of the amount
173 due shall be added to the amount due. The amount due shall bear
174 interest at the rate of one and one-half per cent per month or fraction
175 thereof, from the due date. Any such penalty or interest shall not be
176 paid from funds maintained in the special account.]

177 [(2)] (c) On or before October 31, [2010] 2018, each [deposit]
178 recycling fee initiator shall pay the balance outstanding in the special
179 account that is attributable to the period from July 1, [2010] 2018, to
180 September 30, [2010] 2018, inclusive, to the Commissioner of Revenue
181 Services for deposit in the General Fund. Subsequently, the balance
182 outstanding in the special account that is attributable to the
183 immediately preceding calendar quarter shall be paid by the deposit
184 initiator on or before the last day of the month next succeeding the
185 close of such quarter to the Commissioner of Revenue Services for
186 deposit in the General Fund. If the amount of the required payment
187 pursuant to this subdivision is not paid on or before the due date, a
188 penalty of ten per cent of the amount due and unpaid, or fifty dollars,
189 whichever is greater, shall be imposed. The amount due and unpaid
190 shall bear interest at the rate of one per cent per month or fraction
191 thereof, from the due date. Any such penalty or interest shall not be
192 paid from funds maintained in such special account. Such required
193 payment shall be made by electronic funds transfer to the
194 Commissioner of Revenue Services, in the manner provided by
195 chapter 228g.

196 [(e) If moneys deposited in the special account are insufficient to
197 pay for withdrawals authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this
198 section, the amount of such deficiency shall be subtracted from the
199 next succeeding payment or payments due pursuant to subsection (d)
200 of this section until the amount of the deficiency has been subtracted in
201 full.]

202 [(f)] (d) The Commissioner of Revenue Services may examine the

203 accounts and records of any [deposit] recycling fee initiator maintained
204 under this section or sections 22a-243 [to 22a-245, inclusive,] or 22a-
205 244, as amended by this act, and any related accounts and records,
206 including receipts, disbursements and such other items as the
207 Commissioner of Revenue Services deems appropriate.

208 [(g)] (e) The Attorney General may, independently or upon
209 complaint of the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
210 Protection or the Commissioner of Revenue Services, institute any
211 appropriate action or proceeding to enforce any provision of this
212 section. [or any regulation adopted pursuant to section 22a-245 to
213 implement the provisions of this section.]

214 [(h)] (f) The provisions of sections 12-548, 12-550 to 12-554, inclusive,
215 and 12-555a shall be deemed to apply to the provisions of this section,
216 except any provision of sections 12-548, 12-550 to 12-554, inclusive, and
217 12-555a that is inconsistent with the provision in this section.

218 [(i)] (g) Any payment required pursuant to this section shall be
219 treated as a tax for purposes of sections 12-30b, 12-33a, 12-35a, 12-39g
220 and 12-39h.

221 [(j)] Not later than July 1, 2010, the Department of Energy and
222 Environmental Protection or successor agency shall establish a
223 procedure that allows each such deposit initiator to take a credit
224 against any payment made pursuant to subsection (d) of this section in
225 the amount of the deposits refunded on beverage containers which
226 such deposit initiator donated for any charitable purpose.]

227 Sec. 4. Section 22a-245b of the general statutes is repealed and the
228 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

229 Any manufacturer who bottles and sells two hundred fifty thousand
230 or fewer beverage containers containing a noncarbonated beverage
231 that are twenty ounces or less in size each calendar year may apply to
232 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection for an

233 exemption from the requirements of sections 22a-244 [to] and 22a-245a,
234 [inclusive] as amended by this act, with regard to such beverage
235 containers containing noncarbonated beverages. Such application shall
236 be accompanied by a sworn affidavit signed by such manufacturer or
237 such manufacturer's authorized agent certifying such manufacturer
238 bottles and sells two hundred fifty thousand or fewer of such beverage
239 containers per calendar year. [Any such application filed on or before
240 April 1, 2009, shall be deemed automatically approved and such
241 exemption shall remain valid until December 31, 2009.] Not later than
242 [November 1, 2009] October 31, 2018, and each year thereafter, each
243 such manufacturer or such manufacturer's authorized agent may
244 apply to the commissioner for an exemption in accordance with this
245 section on a form prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner
246 shall approve each such application not later than thirty days after the
247 receipt of the application by the commissioner, provided the applicant
248 satisfies the requirements of this section.

249 Sec. 5. Section 22a-245c of the general statutes is repealed and the
250 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

251 Any manufacturer, dealer or distributor of beverage containers
252 containing noncarbonated beverages may apply to the Governor or the
253 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for a delay in the
254 implementation of the requirements imposed by the provisions of
255 sections 22a-244 [to] and 22a-245a, [inclusive] as amended by this act,
256 with regard to such beverage containers containing noncarbonated
257 beverages. Such application may be on a form prescribed by the
258 Governor or the secretary. The Governor or the secretary may delay
259 the implementation of such requirements upon the showing of undue
260 hardship to the industries affected by such requirements, but in no
261 case shall such requirements be implemented later than October 1,
262 [2009] 2019.

263 Sec. 6. Section 22a-246 of the general statutes is repealed and the
264 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

265 Any person who violates any provision of section 22a-244 [, 22a-245]
266 or 22a-245a, as amended by this act, shall be fined not less than fifty
267 dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, and for a second offense
268 shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two
269 hundred dollars and for a third or subsequent offense shall be fined
270 not less than two hundred fifty dollars or more than five hundred
271 dollars.

272 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 22a-251 of the general statutes is
273 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
274 *1, 2018*):

275 (b) The provisions of sections 22a-247 to 22a-249, inclusive, and 22a-
276 250 shall be in addition to and shall not supersede any provision of
277 [sections] section 22a-243 [to 22a-245, inclusive] or 22a-244, as
278 amended by this act.

279 Sec. 8. Subdivision (8) of section 12-407 of the general statutes is
280 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
281 *1, 2018*):

282 (8) (A) "Sales price" means the total amount for which tangible
283 personal property is sold by a retailer, the total amount of rent for
284 which occupancy of a room is transferred by an operator, the total
285 amount for which any service described in subdivision (2) of this
286 subsection is rendered by a retailer or the total amount of payment or
287 periodic payments for which tangible personal property is leased by a
288 retailer, valued in money, whether paid in money or otherwise, which
289 amount is due and owing to the retailer or operator and, subject to the
290 provisions of subdivision (1) of section 12-408, whether or not actually
291 received by the retailer or operator, without any deduction on account
292 of any of the following: (i) The cost of the property sold; (ii) the cost of
293 materials used, labor or service cost, interest charged, losses or any
294 other expenses; (iii) for any sale occurring on or after July 1, 1993, any
295 charges by the retailer to the purchaser for shipping or delivery,

296 notwithstanding whether such charges are separately stated in a
297 written contract, or on a bill or invoice rendered to such purchaser or
298 whether such shipping or delivery is provided by the retailer or a third
299 party. The provisions of subparagraph (A) (iii) of this subdivision shall
300 not apply to any item exempt from taxation pursuant to section 12-412.
301 Such total amount includes any services that are a part of the sale;
302 except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (B)(v) or (B)(vi) of this
303 subdivision, any amount for which credit is given to the purchaser by
304 the retailer, and all compensation and all employment-related
305 expenses, whether or not separately stated, paid to or on behalf of
306 employees of a retailer of any service described in subdivision (2) of
307 this subsection.

308 (B) "Sales price" does not include any of the following: (i) Cash
309 discounts allowed and taken on sales; (ii) any portion of the amount
310 charged for property returned by purchasers, which upon rescission of
311 the contract of sale is refunded either in cash or credit, provided the
312 property is returned within ninety days from the date of purchase; (iii)
313 the amount of any tax, not including any manufacturers' or importers'
314 excise tax, imposed by the United States upon or with respect to retail
315 sales whether imposed upon the retailer or the purchaser; (iv) the
316 amount charged for labor rendered in installing or applying the
317 property sold, provided such charge is separately stated and exclusive
318 of such charge for any service rendered within the purview of
319 subparagraph (I) of subdivision (37) of this subsection; (v) unless the
320 provisions of subdivision (4) of section 12-430 or of section 12-430a are
321 applicable, any amount for which credit is given to the purchaser by
322 the retailer, provided such credit is given solely for property of the
323 same kind accepted in part payment by the retailer and intended by
324 the retailer to be resold; (vi) the full face value of any coupon used by a
325 purchaser to reduce the price paid to a retailer for an item of tangible
326 personal property, whether or not the retailer will be reimbursed for
327 such coupon, in whole or in part, by the manufacturer of the item of
328 tangible personal property or by a third party; (vii) the amount

329 charged for separately stated compensation, fringe benefits, workers'
330 compensation and payroll taxes or assessments paid to or on behalf of
331 employees of a retailer who has contracted to manage a service
332 recipient's property or business premises and renders management
333 services described in subparagraph (I) or (J) of subdivision (37) of this
334 subsection, provided, the employees perform such services solely for
335 the service recipient at its property or business premises and "sales
336 price" shall include the separately stated compensation, fringe benefits,
337 workers' compensation and payroll taxes or assessments paid to or on
338 behalf of any employee of the retailer who is an officer, director or
339 owner of more than five per cent of the outstanding capital stock of the
340 retailer. Determination whether an employee performs services solely
341 for a service recipient at its property or business premises for purposes
342 of this subdivision shall be made by reference to such employee's
343 activities during the time period beginning on the later of the
344 commencement of the management contract, the date of the
345 employee's first employment by the retailer or the date which is six
346 months immediately preceding the date of such determination; (viii)
347 the amount charged for separately stated compensation, fringe
348 benefits, workers' compensation and payroll taxes or assessments paid
349 to or on behalf of (I) a leased employee, or (II) a worksite employee by
350 a professional employer organization pursuant to a professional
351 employer agreement. For purposes of this subparagraph, an employee
352 shall be treated as a leased employee if the employee is provided to the
353 client at the commencement of an agreement with an employee leasing
354 organization under which at least seventy-five per cent of the
355 employees provided to the client at the commencement of such initial
356 agreement qualify as leased employees pursuant to Section 414(n) of
357 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
358 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time
359 amended, or the employee is added to the client's workforce by the
360 employee leasing organization subsequent to the commencement of
361 such initial agreement and qualifies as a leased employee pursuant to
362 Section 414(n) of said Internal Revenue Code of 1986 without regard to

363 subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) thereof. A leased employee, or a
364 worksite employee subject to a professional employer agreement, shall
365 not include any employee who is hired by a temporary help service
366 and assigned to support or supplement the workforce of a temporary
367 help service's client; (ix) any amount received by a retailer from a
368 purchaser as the battery deposit that is required to be paid under
369 subsection (a) of section 22a-245h; the [refund value] recycling fee of a
370 beverage container that is required to be paid under subsection (a) of
371 section 22a-244, as amended by this act; or a deposit that is required by
372 law to be paid by the purchaser to the retailer and that is required by
373 law to be refunded to the purchaser by the retailer when the same or
374 similar tangible personal property is delivered as required by law to
375 the retailer by the purchaser, if such amount is separately stated on the
376 bill or invoice rendered by the retailer to the purchaser; and (x) the
377 amount charged for separately stated compensation, fringe benefits,
378 workers' compensation and payroll taxes or assessments paid to a
379 media payroll services company, as defined in this subsection.

380 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) (a) There is established a
381 separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund, known as the
382 "recycling fee account". The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall
383 credit three cents of every recycling fee received by the commissioner
384 in accordance with the provisions of sections 22a-244 and 22a-245a of
385 the general statutes, as amended by this act, to the recycling fee
386 account. Said account may also receive funds from private or public
387 sources, including the federal government or a municipal government.

388 (b) Within the recycling fee account, there shall be the following
389 subaccounts, the: (1) Collectors' subaccount, (2) tipping fee subaccount,
390 and (3) beverage container reuse subaccount. The commissioner shall
391 credit one cent of each recycling fee received in the recycling fee
392 account, pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, to each of the three
393 subaccounts established pursuant to this subsection.

394 (c) Any funds credited to the collectors' subaccount in accordance

395 with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall be utilized to
396 make payments to collectors registered to haul solid waste pursuant to
397 section 22a-220a of the general statutes. Such payments shall be made
398 in a manner that reflects any verifiable increased volume in the
399 number of beverage containers, as defined in section 22a-243 of the
400 general statutes, as amended by this act, that a collector hauls as a
401 result of the provisions of section 10 of this act. The Commissioners of
402 Revenue Services and Energy and Environmental Protection shall
403 determine the terms and amount of any such payment, including but
404 not limited to, the frequency of any such payments. The Commissioner
405 of Energy and Environmental Protection, in consultation with the
406 Commissioner of Revenue Services, may adopt regulations, in
407 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
408 implement the provisions of this subsection.

409 (d) Any funds credited to the tipping fee subaccount in accordance
410 with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall be utilized to
411 make payments to municipalities that realize an increase in tipping
412 fees paid by such municipalities that are verifiably attributable to the
413 provisions of section 10 of this act. The Commissioners of Revenue
414 Services and Energy and Environmental Protection shall determine the
415 terms and amount of any such payment, including, but not limited to,
416 the frequency of any such payments. The Commissioner of Energy and
417 Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of
418 Revenue Services, may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
419 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the
420 provisions of this subsection. Nothing in this subsection shall be
421 deemed to affect the payment of any grant to a municipality pursuant
422 to section 22a-219b or 22a-219c of the general statutes.

423 (e) Any funds credited to the beverage container reuse subaccount
424 in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall
425 be utilized by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
426 Protection and the Recycle CT Foundation, Inc. to fund the
427 development of reuses for beverage containers, as defined in section

428 22a-243 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, that are
 429 recycled in accordance with the provisions of section 22a-241b of the
 430 general statutes. Such funds shall be expended to fund research,
 431 projects, purposes, including but not limited to, industry and
 432 businesses, and other efforts that result in the reuse of such beverage
 433 containers in this state. The Commissioner of Energy and
 434 Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Recycle CT
 435 Foundation Council, shall determine the requirements and terms for
 436 any funds awarded to any person pursuant to the provisions of this
 437 subsection, including, but not limited to, the amount of any funds
 438 awarded pursuant to this subsection. In developing such requirements,
 439 the commissioner may consult with Connecticut Innovations,
 440 Incorporated. Such quasi-public agency shall provide the
 441 commissioner with any information that the commissioner determines
 442 is necessary for the performance of the commissioner's responsibilities
 443 pursuant to this subsection. The Commissioner of Energy and
 444 Environmental Protection may adopt regulations in accordance with
 445 the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes to implement the
 446 provisions of this subsection.

447 Sec. 10. Section 22a-245 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 448 *July 1, 2018*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	22a-243
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	22a-244
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	22a-245a
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	22a-245b
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	22a-245c
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	22a-246
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	22a-251(b)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	12-407(8)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To replace the redemption fee on bottles with a recycling fee, similar to the state of Delaware, and have such bottles recycled through curbside recycling rather than redemption centers and use the funds from such recycling fee to, in part, fund the reuse of such bottles 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.]