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

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

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
4 Energy and Environmental Protection shall convene a working group
5 on Connecticut's recycling and beverage container redemption
6 programs. Such working group shall include representatives of the
7 following industries, organizations and interests: (1) Municipalities, (2)
8 the noncarbonated beverage industry, (3) municipal recycling
9 programs, (4) beer wholesalers, (5) chain food stores in the state, (6) the
10 carbonated beverage industry, (7) independent food retailers in the
11 state, (8) state-based environmental groups with expertise in recycling,
12 (9) the recycling, collection and processing industry, (10) glass
13 recyclers, (11) metal recyclers, and (12) newspaper, cardboard and
14 boxboard recyclers.

15 (b) The working group shall: (1) Examine, review and analyze the

16 beverage container redemption law in this state to assess its efficacy in
17 achieving Connecticut's recycling goals and in promoting the use and
18 reuse of materials in an economically and environmentally sustainable
19 manner, including, but not limited to, the costs and benefits of such
20 law, and any alternatives to such law, to Connecticut's environment,
21 consumers, retailers, deposit initiators and municipalities; (2) evaluate
22 the state of current recycling programs in Connecticut and the
23 opportunities for improving their performance through the
24 implementation of universal access to recycling, enhanced municipal
25 and state recycling programs, or producer responsibility programs and
26 the deployment of best practices in recycling in households,
27 workplaces and public spaces, including an analysis of the incremental
28 costs and benefits of universal recycling access, enhanced municipal
29 and state recycling programs and producer responsibility programs for
30 the environment, consumers, recycling industries and municipalities;
31 (3) assess the transition costs of moving from the state's beverage
32 container deposit law to universal recycling access, enhanced
33 municipal and state recycling programs or producer responsibility
34 programs, including, but not limited to, effects on redemption centers
35 in the state; (4) develop guidelines for the development of enhanced
36 litter prevention programs and control efforts in the state; (5) assess
37 funding options, including replacement of the deposit law with
38 permanent or sunseting nonrefundable fees or product stewardship
39 fees; and (6) analyze alternative methods of collecting container glass,
40 metal and other designated recyclable items for recycling and reuse,
41 while recognizing unique challenges, including all costs, posed by
42 handling and recycling such glass, metal and designated recyclable
43 items.

44 (c) In undertaking the responsibilities described in subsection (b) of
45 this section, the working group shall consider the recycling programs
46 and laws, including, but not limited to, beverage container laws, of
47 other states and countries.

48 (d) The commissioner shall convene such working group not later
49 than July 1, 2017. The commissioner shall serve as the chairperson of

50 such working group.

51 (e) Not later than February 1, 2018, the commissioner shall submit a
52 status report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
53 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment, general law
54 and finance, revenue and bonding detailing the efforts of such working
55 group and describing any legislative recommendations that such
56 working group proposes."

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