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

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 to study Connecticut's recycling and beverage container redemption  
5 programs. The task force shall: (1) Examine, review and analyze the  
6 beverage container redemption law in this state to assess its efficacy in  
7 achieving Connecticut's recycling goals and in promoting the use and  
8 reuse of materials in an economically and environmentally sustainable  
9 manner, including, but not limited to, the costs and benefits of such  
10 law to Connecticut's environment, consumers, retailers, deposit  
11 initiators, and municipalities; (2) evaluate the state of current recycling  
12 programs in Connecticut and the opportunities for improving their  
13 performance through the implementation of universal access to  
14 recycling and deployment of best practices in recycling in households,  
15 workplaces and public spaces, including an analysis of the incremental

16 costs and benefits of universal recycling access for the environment,  
17 consumers, recycling industries and municipalities; (3) assess the  
18 transition costs of moving from the state's beverage container deposit  
19 law to universal recycling access and enhanced litter prevention and  
20 control efforts in the state and funding options including replacement  
21 of the deposit law with nonrefundable fees; and (4) analyze alternative  
22 methods of collecting container glass for recycling and reuse,  
23 recognizing the unique challenges posed by handling and recycling  
24 glass including integrating all glass containers into the universal  
25 recycling system or establishing a separate system for glass including a  
26 glass-only deposit system for some or all container glass. Such analysis  
27 of glass recycling options shall consider relative levels of recovery of  
28 alternatives, system costs and costs per ton and shall consider costs of  
29 the entire system from consumer to sale to end-use market.

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

31 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
32 one of whom shall represent the noncarbonated beverage industry and  
33 one of whom shall represent municipal recycling programs;

34 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
35 of whom shall represent beer wholesalers and one who shall represent  
36 chain food stores in the state;

37 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
38 Representatives who shall represent the carbonated beverage industry;

39 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall  
40 represent independent food retailers in the state;

41 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
42 Representatives who shall represent a state-based environmental  
43 group with expertise in recycling;

44 (6) One appointed by the Senate Republican president pro tempore  
45 who shall represent the recycling, collection and processing industry;

46 (7) One appointed by the Deputy Senate Republican president pro  
47 tempore who shall represent glass recyclers; and

48 (8) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or  
49 the commissioner's designee.

50 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
51 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (7) of subsection (b) of this section may be a  
52 member of the General Assembly.

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

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

61 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
62 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
63 environment shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

64 (g) Not later than December 31, 2017, the task force shall submit a  
65 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
66 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
67 relating to the environment, finance and revenue, beverages and  
68 licensed wholesalers and retailers subject to beverage container  
69 redemption laws. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to,  
70 any recommended legislation to facilitate the implementation of the  
71 recommendations developed pursuant to such study. The task force  
72 shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or December 1,  
73 2017, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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