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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.

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 Section 22a-243 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2022*):

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, hard
6 seltzer, hard cider and mineral waters, soda water and similar
7 carbonated soft drinks in liquid form and intended for human
8 consumption;

9 (2) (A) "Noncarbonated beverage" means any noncarbonated liquid
10 intended for human consumption, including, but not limited to, water,
11 including flavored water, plant water, nutritionally enhanced water,
12 juice, juice drink, tea, coffee, kombucha, plant infused drink, spirit or
13 liquor, sports drink or energy drink and any beverage that is identified
14 through the use of letters, words or symbols on such beverage's product
15 label as a type of water, juice, tea, coffee, kombucha, plant infused drink,

16 spirit or liquor, sports drink, energy drink or liquid intended for human
17 consumption but excluding [juice and] mineral water. "Noncarbonated
18 beverage" does not include any: (i) Drug regulated under the Federal
19 Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, (ii) infant formula, (iii) dairy beverage,
20 or (iv) meal replacement liquid;

21 (B) On and after July 1, 2024, "noncarbonated beverage" shall
22 additionally include any wine or liquor unless the Commissioner of
23 Energy and Environmental Protection determines that more than eighty
24 per cent of the wine and liquor beverage containers sold in this state
25 during the 2023 calendar year were processed into furnace-ready cullet
26 that was melted and used in glass or fiberglass products. In determining
27 the percentage of such beverage containers processed into furnace-
28 ready cullet, the commissioner may use the Container Recycling
29 Institute's Beverage Market Data Analysis, or a similar market data
30 analysis, to establish the number of wine and liquor beverage containers
31 sold in this state during the 2023 calendar year;

32 (3) "Beverage container" means the individual, separate, sealed glass,
33 metal or plastic bottle, can, jar or carton containing [a carbonated or
34 noncarbonated beverage, but does not include a bottle, can, jar or carton
35 (A)] three liters or [more in size if containing a noncarbonated] less of a
36 carbonated beverage, [or (B) made of high-density polyethylene] two
37 and one-half liters or less of a noncarbonated beverage except for a spirit
38 or liquor, or fifty milliliters or less of a spirit or liquor;

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

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

43 (6) "Distributor" means every person who engages in the sale of
44 beverages in beverage containers to a dealer in this state including any
45 manufacturer who engages in such sale and includes a dealer who
46 engages in the sale of beverages in beverage containers on which no

47 deposit has been collected prior to retail sale;

48 (7) "Manufacturer" means every person bottling, canning or
49 otherwise filling beverage containers for sale to distributors or dealers
50 or, in the case of private label brands, the owner of the private label
51 trademark;

52 (8) "Place of business of a dealer" means the fixed location at which a
53 dealer sells or offers for sale beverages in beverage containers to
54 consumers;

55 (9) "Redemption center" means any facility established to redeem
56 empty beverage containers from consumers or to collect and sort empty
57 beverage containers from dealers and to prepare such containers for
58 redemption by the appropriate distributors;

59 (10) "Use or consumption" includes the exercise of any right or power
60 over a beverage incident to the ownership thereof, other than the sale or
61 the keeping or retention of a beverage for the purposes of sale;

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

65 (12) "Deposit initiator" means the first distributor to collect the
66 deposit on a beverage container sold to any person within this state; and

67 (13) "Reverse vending machine" means a mechanical device that
68 accepts used beverage containers from consumers and provides a
69 means of refunding the refund value for such beverage container to the
70 user of such device.

71 Sec. 2. Section 22a-244 of the general statutes is repealed and the
72 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

73 (a) (1) Every beverage container containing a carbonated beverage
74 sold or offered for sale in this state, except for any such beverage

75 containers sold or offered for sale for consumption on an interstate
76 passenger carrier, shall have a refund value. Such refund value shall not
77 be less than [five] ten cents and shall be a uniform amount throughout
78 the distribution process in this state. (2) Every beverage container
79 containing a noncarbonated beverage sold or offered for sale in this state
80 shall have a refund value, except for beverage containers containing a
81 noncarbonated beverage that are (A) sold or offered for sale for
82 consumption on an interstate passenger carrier, or (B) that comprise any
83 dealer's existing inventory as of March 31, 2009. Such refund value shall
84 not be less than [five] ten cents and shall be a uniform amount
85 throughout the distribution process in this state.

86 (b) Every beverage container sold or offered for sale in this state, that
87 has a refund value pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, shall clearly
88 indicate by embossing or by a stamp or by a label or other method
89 securely affixed to the beverage container (1) either the refund value of
90 the container or the words "return for deposit" or "return for refund" or
91 other words as approved by the Department of Energy and
92 Environmental Protection, and (2) either the word "Connecticut" or the
93 abbreviation "Ct.", provided this subdivision shall not apply to glass
94 beverage containers permanently marked or embossed with a brand
95 name.

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

102 (d) On and after January 1, 2022, each beverage container sold or
103 offered for sale in this state that has a refund value pursuant to
104 subsection (a) of this section, shall include a Universal Product Code
105 and barcode. Each deposit initiator shall provide such Universal
106 Product Code and barcode, with packaging information, to the reverse

107 vending machine system administrators and other system operators,
108 not less than thirty days prior to placement of any such beverage
109 container on the market.

110 Sec. 3. Section 22a-245 of the general statutes is repealed and the
111 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

112 (a) No person shall establish a redemption center without registering
113 with the commissioner on a form provided by the commissioner with
114 such information as the commissioner deems necessary including (1) the
115 name of the business principals of the redemption center and the
116 address of the business; (2) the name and address of the sponsors and
117 dealers to be served by the redemption center; (3) the types of beverage
118 containers to be accepted; (4) the hours of operation; and (5) whether
119 beverage containers will be accepted from consumers. The operator of
120 the redemption center shall report any change in procedure to the
121 commissioner within forty-eight hours of such change. Any person
122 establishing a redemption center shall have the right to determine what
123 kind, size and brand of beverage container shall be accepted. Any
124 redemption center may be established to serve all persons or to serve
125 certain specified dealers.

126 (b) A dealer shall not refuse to accept at such dealer's place of
127 business, from any person any empty beverage containers of the kind,
128 size and brand sold by the dealer, or refuse to pay to such person the
129 refund value of a beverage container unless (1) such container contains
130 materials which are foreign to the normal contents of the container; (2)
131 such container is not labeled in accordance with subsection (b) of section
132 22a-244, as amended by this act; (3) such dealer sponsors, solely or with
133 others, a redemption center which is located within a one-mile radius of
134 such place of business and which accepts beverage containers of the
135 kind, size and brand sold by such dealer at such place of business; or (4)
136 there is established by others, a redemption center which is located
137 within a one-mile radius of such place of business and which accepts
138 beverage containers of the kind, size and brand sold by such dealer at

139 such place of business. A dealer shall redeem an empty container of a
140 kind, size or brand the sale of which has been discontinued by such
141 dealer for not less than sixty days after the last sale by the dealer of such
142 kind, size or brand of beverage container. Sixty days before such date,
143 the dealer shall post, at the point of sale, notice of the last date on which
144 the discontinued kind, size or brand of beverage container shall be
145 redeemed.

146 (c) A distributor shall not refuse to accept from a dealer or from an
147 operator of a redemption center, located and operated exclusively
148 within the territory of the distributor or whose operator certifies to the
149 distributor that redeemed containers were from a dealer located within
150 such territory, any empty beverage containers of the kind, size and
151 brand sold by the distributor, or refuse to pay to such dealer or
152 redemption center operator the refund value of a beverage container
153 unless such container contains materials which are foreign to the normal
154 contents of the container or unless such container is not labeled in
155 accordance with subsection (b) of section 22a-244, as amended by this
156 act. A distributor shall remove any empty beverage container from the
157 premises of a dealer serviced by the distributor or from the premises of
158 a redemption center sponsored by dealers serviced by the distributor,
159 provided such premises are located within the territory of the
160 distributor. The distributor shall pay the refund value to dealers in
161 accordance with the schedule for payment by the dealer to the
162 distributor for full beverage containers and shall pay such refund value
163 to operators of redemption centers not more than twenty days after
164 receipt of the empty container. For the purposes of this subsection, a
165 redemption center shall be considered to be sponsored by a dealer if (1)
166 the dealer refuses to redeem beverage containers and refers consumers
167 to the redemption center, or (2) there is an agreement between the dealer
168 and the operator of the redemption center requiring the redemption
169 center to remove empty beverage containers from the premises of the
170 dealer. A distributor shall redeem an empty container of a kind, size or
171 brand of beverage container the sale of which has been discontinued by

172 the distributor for not less than one hundred fifty days after the last
173 delivery of such kind, size or brand of beverage container. Not less than
174 one hundred twenty days before the last date such containers may be
175 redeemed, the distributor shall notify such dealer who bought the
176 discontinued kind, size or brand of beverage container that such
177 distributor shall not redeem an empty beverage container of such kind,
178 size or brand of beverage containers.

179 (d) In addition to the refund value of a beverage container, a
180 distributor shall pay to any dealer or operator of a redemption center a
181 handling fee of at least [one] three and one-half cents for each beverage
182 container [of beer or other malt beverage and two cents for each
183 beverage container of mineral waters, soda water and similar
184 carbonated soft drinks or noncarbonated beverage] returned for
185 redemption. A distributor shall not be required to pay to a manufacturer
186 the refund value of a nonrefillable beverage container.

187 (e) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
188 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
189 implement the provisions of sections 22a-243 to 22a-245, inclusive, as
190 amended by this act. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited
191 to, provisions for the redemption of beverage containers dispensed
192 through automatic reverse vending machines, the use of vending
193 machines that [dispense cash to] reimburse consumers for the
194 redemption value of beverage containers, scheduling for redemption by
195 dealers and distributors and for exemptions or modifications to the
196 labeling requirement of section 22a-244, as amended by this act.

197 (f) For the purposes of this section, "refund value" means the refund
198 value established by subsection (a) of section 22a-244, as amended by
199 this act.

200 Sec. 4. Section 22a-245a of the general statutes is repealed and the
201 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

202 (a) Each deposit initiator shall open a special interest-bearing account

203 at a Connecticut branch of a financial institution, as defined in section
204 45a-557a, to the credit of the deposit initiator. Each deposit initiator shall
205 deposit in such account an amount equal to the refund value established
206 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 22a-244, as amended by this act, for
207 each beverage container sold by such deposit initiator. Such deposit
208 shall be made not more than one month after the date such beverage
209 container is sold, provided for any beverage container sold during the
210 period from December 1, 2008, to December 31, 2008, inclusive, such
211 deposit shall be made not later than January 5, 2009. All interest,
212 dividends and returns earned on the special account shall be paid
213 directly into such account. Such moneys shall be kept separate and apart
214 from all other moneys in the possession of the deposit initiator. The
215 amount required to be deposited pursuant to this section, when
216 deposited, shall be held to be a special fund in trust for the state.

217 (b) (1) Any reimbursement of the refund value for a redeemed
218 beverage container shall be paid from the deposit initiator's special
219 account, with such payment to be computed, subject to the provisions
220 of subdivision (2) of this subsection, under the cash receipts and
221 disbursements method of accounting, as described in Section 446(c)(1)
222 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
223 Internal Revenue Code of the United States, as amended from time to
224 time.

225 (2) A deposit initiator may petition the Commissioner of Revenue
226 Services for an alternate method of accounting by filing with such
227 deposit initiator's return a statement of objections and other proposed
228 alternate method of accounting, as such deposit initiator believes proper
229 and equitable under the circumstances, that is accompanied by
230 supporting details and proof. The Commissioner of Revenue Services
231 shall promptly notify such deposit initiator whether the proposed
232 alternate method is accepted as reasonable and equitable and, if so
233 accepted, shall adjust such deposit initiator's return and payment of
234 reimbursement accordingly.

235 (c) (1) Each deposit initiator shall submit a report on March 15, 2009,
236 for the period from December 1, 2008, to February 28, 2009, inclusive.
237 Each deposit initiator shall submit a report on July 31, 2009, for the
238 period from March 1, 2009, to June 30, 2009, inclusive, and thereafter
239 shall submit a quarterly report for the immediately preceding calendar
240 quarter one month after the close of such quarter. Each such report shall
241 be submitted to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
242 Protection, on a form prescribed by the commissioner and with such
243 information as the commissioner deems necessary, including, but not
244 limited to: (A) The balance in the special account at the beginning of the
245 quarter for which the report is prepared; (B) a list of all deposits credited
246 to such account during such quarter, including all refund values paid to
247 the deposit initiator and all interest, dividends or returns received on
248 the account; (C) a list of all withdrawals from such account during such
249 quarter, all service charges and overdraft charges on the account and all
250 payments made pursuant to subsection (d) of this section; and (D) the
251 balance in the account at the close of the quarter for which the report is
252 prepared.

253 (2) Each deposit initiator shall submit a report on October 31, 2010,
254 for the calendar quarter beginning July 1, 2010. Subsequently, each
255 deposit initiator shall submit a quarterly report for the immediately
256 preceding calendar quarter, on or before the last day of the month next
257 succeeding the close of such quarter. Each such report shall be
258 submitted to the Commissioner of Revenue Services, on a form
259 prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue Services, and with such
260 information as the Commissioner of Revenue Services deems necessary,
261 including, but not limited to, the following information: (A) The balance
262 in the special account at the beginning of the quarter for which the
263 report is prepared, (B) all deposits credited to such account during such
264 quarter, including all refund values paid to the deposit initiator and all
265 interest, dividends or returns received on such account, (C) all
266 withdrawals from such account during such quarter, including all
267 service charges and overdraft charges on such account and all payments

268 made pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, and (D) the balance in
269 such account at the close of the quarter for which the report is prepared.
270 Such quarterly report shall be filed electronically with the
271 Commissioner of Revenue Services, in the manner provided by chapter
272 228g.

273 (d) (1) On or before April 30, 2009, each deposit initiator shall pay the
274 balance outstanding in the special account that is attributable to the
275 period from December 1, 2008, to March 31, 2009, inclusive, to the
276 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection for deposit in
277 the General Fund. Thereafter, the balance outstanding in the special
278 account that is attributable to the immediately preceding calendar
279 quarter shall be paid by the deposit initiator one month after the close
280 of such quarter to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
281 Protection for deposit in the General Fund. If the amount of the required
282 payment pursuant to this subdivision is not paid by the date seven days
283 after the due date, a penalty of ten per cent of the amount due shall be
284 added to the amount due. The amount due shall bear interest at the rate
285 of one and one-half per cent per month or fraction thereof, from the due
286 date. Any such penalty or interest shall not be paid from funds
287 maintained in the special account.

288 (2) On or before October 31, 2010, each deposit initiator shall pay the
289 balance outstanding in the special account that is attributable to the
290 period from July 1, 2010, to September 30, 2010, inclusive, to the
291 Commissioner of Revenue Services for deposit in the General Fund.
292 Subsequently, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30,
293 2023, eighty-two per cent of the balance outstanding in the special
294 account that is attributable to the immediately preceding calendar
295 quarter shall be paid by the deposit initiator on or before the last day of
296 the month next succeeding the close of such quarter to the
297 Commissioner of Revenue Services for deposit in the General Fund and
298 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and each subsequent fiscal year
299 thereafter, eighty per cent of the balance outstanding in the special
300 account that is attributable to the immediately preceding calendar

301 quarter shall be paid by the deposit initiator on or before the last day of
302 the month next succeeding the close of such quarter to the
303 Commissioner of Revenue Services for deposit in the General Fund. If
304 the amount of the required payment pursuant to this subdivision is not
305 paid on or before the due date, a penalty of ten per cent of the amount
306 due and unpaid, or fifty dollars, whichever is greater, shall be imposed.
307 The amount due and unpaid shall bear interest at the rate of one per cent
308 per month or fraction thereof, from the due date. Any such penalty or
309 interest shall not be paid from funds maintained in such special account.
310 Such required payment shall be made by electronic funds transfer to the
311 Commissioner of Revenue Services, in the manner provided by chapter
312 228g.

313 (e) If moneys deposited in the special account are insufficient to pay
314 for withdrawals authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section,
315 the amount of such deficiency shall be subtracted from the next
316 succeeding payment or payments due pursuant to subsection (d) of this
317 section until the amount of the deficiency has been subtracted in full.

318 (f) The Commissioner of Revenue Services may examine the accounts
319 and records of any deposit initiator maintained under this section or
320 sections 22a-243 to 22a-245, inclusive, as amended by this act, and any
321 related accounts and records, including receipts, disbursements and
322 such other items as the Commissioner of Revenue Services deems
323 appropriate.

324 (g) The Attorney General may, independently or upon complaint of
325 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection or the
326 Commissioner of Revenue Services, institute any appropriate action or
327 proceeding to enforce any provision of this section or any regulation
328 adopted pursuant to section 22a-245, as amended by this act, to
329 implement the provisions of this section.

330 (h) The provisions of sections 12-548, 12-550 to 12-554, inclusive, and
331 12-555a shall be deemed to apply to the provisions of this section, except

332 any provision of sections 12-548, 12-550 to 12-554, inclusive, and 12-555a
333 that is inconsistent with the provision in this section.

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

336 (j) Not later than July 1, 2010, the Department of Energy and
337 Environmental Protection or successor agency shall establish a
338 procedure that allows each such deposit initiator to take a credit against
339 any payment made pursuant to subsection (d) of this section in the
340 amount of the deposits refunded on beverage containers which such
341 deposit initiator donated for any charitable purpose.

342 Sec. 5. Section 22a-245b of the general statutes is repealed and the
343 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

344 Any manufacturer who bottles and sells: [two] (1) Two hundred fifty
345 thousand or fewer beverage containers containing a noncarbonated
346 beverage that are twenty ounces or less in size each calendar year, or (2)
347 one hundred thousand gallons or less of juice in beverage containers
348 each calendar year, may apply to the Commissioner of Energy and
349 Environmental Protection for an exemption from the requirements of
350 sections 22a-244 to 22a-245a, inclusive, as amended by this act, with
351 regard to such beverage containers containing noncarbonated
352 beverages or with regard to such one hundred thousand gallons or less
353 of juice in beverage containers. Such application shall be accompanied
354 by a sworn affidavit signed by such manufacturer or such
355 manufacturer's authorized agent certifying such manufacturer bottles
356 and sells two hundred fifty thousand or fewer of such beverage
357 containers per calendar year or bottles and sells one hundred thousand
358 gallons or less of juice in beverage containers per calendar year. Any
359 such application filed on or before April 1, 2009, shall be deemed
360 automatically approved and such exemption shall remain valid until
361 December 31, 2009. Not later than November 1, 2009, and each year
362 thereafter, each such manufacturer or such manufacturer's authorized

363 agent may apply to the commissioner for an exemption in accordance
364 with this section on a form prescribed by the commissioner. The
365 commissioner shall approve each such application not later than thirty
366 days after the receipt of the application by the commissioner, provided
367 the applicant satisfies the requirements of this section.

368 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Not later than July 1, 2022, the
369 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall develop
370 an incentive program to assist municipalities that wish to adopt a unit-
371 based pricing program for solid waste disposal in such municipality.
372 The commissioner shall identify funding sources to be utilized in
373 providing such incentives to municipalities.

374 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) On and after July 1, 2021, any
375 dealer, as defined in section 22a-243 of the general statutes, as amended
376 by this act, whose place of business is part of a chain engaged in the
377 same general field of business that operates ten or more units in this
378 state under common ownership and whose business has at least: (1)
379 Forty thousand but less than sixty thousand square feet devoted to the
380 display of merchandise for sale to the public shall install and maintain
381 not less than two reverse vending machines, as defined in section 22a-
382 243 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, at such dealer's place
383 of business; (2) sixty thousand but less than eighty-five thousand square
384 feet devoted to the display of merchandise for sale to the public shall
385 install and maintain not less than three reverse vending machines at
386 such dealer's place of business; or (3) eighty-five thousand square feet
387 devoted to the display of merchandise for sale to the public shall install
388 and maintain not less than four reverse vending machines at such
389 dealer's place of business.

390 (b) The requirements of subsection (a) of this section to install and
391 maintain reverse vending machines shall not apply to any dealer that:
392 (1) Sells only beverage containers, as defined in section 22a-243 of the
393 general statutes, as amended by this act, of twenty ounces or less where
394 such beverage containers are packaged in quantities fewer than six; (2)

395 sells beverage containers and devotes no more than five per cent of the
396 dealer's floor space to the display and sale of consumer products; or (3)
397 obtains a waiver from the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
398 Protection authorizing dealers to provide consumers with an alternative
399 technology that: (A) Determines if the beverage container is redeemable,
400 (B) provides protections against fraud through a system that validates
401 each beverage container redeemed by reading the universal product
402 code and, except with respect to refillable containers, renders the
403 beverage container unredeemable, (C) accumulates information
404 regarding beverage containers redeemed, and (D) issues legal tender, or
405 a scrip, receipt or other form of credit for the refund value, that can be
406 exchanged for legal tender for a period of not less than sixty days
407 without requiring the purchase of other goods. If such alternative
408 technology does not allow consumers to immediately obtain the refund
409 value of the redeemed beverage container, a dealer shall be permitted
410 to deploy such alternative technology only if such dealer also offers an
411 alternative that allows consumers to conveniently and immediately
412 obtain such refund value through a reverse vending machine or other
413 alternative method.

414 (c) For any dealer exempt from the provisions of subsection (a) of this
415 section and whose place of business is at not less than forty thousand
416 square feet but does not utilize reverse vending machines to process
417 empty beverage containers for redemption shall: (1) Establish and
418 maintain a dedicated area within such business to accept beverage
419 containers for redemption; (2) adequately staff such area to facilitate
420 efficient acceptance and processing of such containers during business
421 hours; and (3) post one or more conspicuous signs at each public
422 entrance to the business that describes where in the business the
423 redemption area is located.

424 (d) Any dealer who violates the provisions of this section shall be
425 fined not more than one thousand dollars, and an additional civil
426 penalty of not more than one thousand dollars for each day during
427 which each such violation continues. Any such civil penalty may be

428 assessed by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
429 following a hearing held in accordance with chapter 54 of the general
430 statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	22a-243
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	22a-244
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	22a-245
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	22a-245a
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	22a-245b
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To add items covered by the provisions of the state's bottle bill program, increase redemption values and handling fees, develop incentives for unit-based pricing programs in municipalities and require certain dealers to have reverse vending machines at their stores.

[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.]