



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 293**

**Public Act No. 24-2**

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDEMPTION OF OUT-OF-STATE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS.**

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

Section 1. Section 22a-245 of the general statutes is amended by adding subsections (g) and (h) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

(NEW) (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of this section, no person shall tender to a dealer, redemption center, reverse vending machine, distributor or deposit initiator for the purpose of obtaining a refund value or handling fee for any empty beverage container that the person knows or has reason to know was not originally sold in this state as a filled beverage container or that was previously redeemed through a dealer, redemption center, reverse vending machine, distributor or deposit initiator.

(NEW) (h) Each dealer, redemption center or reverse vending machine operator shall post where empty containers are redeemed a conspicuous "Redemption Warning" sign using at least a one-inch font that states the following: "Returning empty beverage containers for refund that were not purchased in Connecticut or that were previously redeemed is illegal. Any person who returns empty beverage containers that the person knows or has reason to know were not originally sold in

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this state as filled beverage containers or that were previously redeemed shall be subject to fines and state enforcement action. Connecticut General Statutes section 22a-245."

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