

**H.158: An Act Relating to the Beverage Container Redemption System:  
Timeline for Implementation**

<b>July 1, 2023</b>	Effective date of act; substantive effective dates are embedded in the bill as follows.
<b>July 1, 2023</b>	Increase in handling fee from four to five cents for containers that are not commingled.
<b>January 1, 2024</b>	Manufacturers of beverage containers sold or distributed in the State shall apply to ANR to form a producer responsibility organization (PRO). (For beverage containers currently subject to bottle bill but does not apply to liquor managed by DLL). 10 V.S.A. § 1531(b)
<b>January 15, 2024</b>	DLL annually reports to ANR amount of liquor bottles collected and redemption rate.
<b>October 1, 2024</b>	An approved PRO submits a stewardship plan to ANR. 10 V.S.A. § 1532(a)
<b>January 15, 2025</b>	ANR submits a systems analysis of the beverage container redemption system to the General Assembly. Sec. 7 of Act.
<b>March 1, 2025</b>	Each beverage container sold or offered for sale in the State that is subject to the deposit shall include a Universal Product Code and barcode on the label. 10 V.S.A. § 1524(b)
<b>March 1, 2025</b>	Beverage containers (current bottle bill containers) prohibited from sale or distribution unless beverage is covered by the PRO's approved stewardship plan. 10 V.S.A. § 1531(a)
<b>March 1, 2025</b>	Repeal of 10 V.S.A. § 1528 (beverage registration with ANR) and 10 V.S.A. § 1529 (redemption center certification with ANR). Sec. 8 of Act. PRO now responsible.
<b>July 1, 2025</b> annually thereafter	ANR submits to the General Assembly a report containing the current beverage container redemption rate. 10 V.S.A. § 1534(b)
<b>January 1, 2026</b>	PRO authorized to retain 50% of unredeemed bottle deposit. Sec. 2 of Act.
<b>March 1, 2026</b> annually thereafter	PRO conducts independent third-party fiscal audit of the stewardship collection program. 10 V.S.A. § 1533(b). Audit results are submitted to ANR.
<b>January 1, 2027</b>	Scope of beverage containers subject to bottle deposit expands to include all drinks in liquid form intended for human consumption (with limited exceptions) when the beverage is sold in a container made of glass, aluminum or other metal, PET plastic, or HDPE plastic. Wine containers also subject to redemption. 10 V.S.A. § 1521.
<b>January 1, 2028</b>	First beverage container redemption rate goal of 75%. Goals increase every five years until 2040 goal of 90% beverage container redemption. 10 V.S.A. § 1534. Container deposit may increase if redemption rate for beverage container category is not met.
<b>March 1, 2030</b> every 5 years thereafter	PRO conducts an independent third-party audit of the operation of the stewardship plan. 10 V.S.A. § 1533(a). Audit results are submitted to ANR.
<b>July 1, 2031</b>	PRO no longer authorized to retain 50% of unredeemed bottle deposits. 50% of the unredeemed deposits will be deposited into the Clean Water Fund, and 50% will be deposited in the Solid Waste Management Assistance Account. Secs 3, 5, and 6 of Act

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