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2 Introduced by Representatives Larocque of Barnet, Acinapura of Brandon,
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6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Conservation and development; beverage redemption; plastic water
9 bottles

10 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to expand the beverage container
11 deposit law to include plastic water bottles.

12 An act relating to expanding the beverage container deposit law to include
13 plastic water bottles

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 1521 is amended to read:

16 § 1521. DEFINITIONS

17 For the purpose of this chapter:

18 (1) "Beverage" means beer or other malt beverages and mineral waters,
19 mixed wine drink, soda water ~~and~~, carbonated soft drinks, and noncarbonated

1 water in liquid form and intended for human consumption. As of January 1,
2 1990, “beverage” also shall mean liquor.

3 (2) “Biodegradable material” means material which is capable of being
4 broken down by bacteria into basic elements.

5 (3) “Container” means the individual, separate, bottle, can, jar, or carton
6 composed of glass, metal, paper, plastic, or any combination of those materials
7 containing a consumer product. This definition shall not include containers
8 made of biodegradable material.

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10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.