

1 H.583

2 Introduced by Representative Marcotte of Coventry

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Conservation and development; beverage container redemption;

6 handling fee

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to increase the
8 handling fee paid to persons who redeem beverage containers to five cents per
9 container redeemed for beverage brands that are not part of a commingling
10 program.

11 An act relating to the beverage container redemption system

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

13 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 1522 is amended to read:

14 § 1522. BEVERAGE CONTAINERS; DEPOSIT

15 (a) Except with respect to beverage containers that contain liquor, a deposit
16 of not less than five cents shall be paid by the consumer on each beverage
17 container sold at the retail level and refunded to the consumer upon return of
18 the empty beverage container. With respect to beverage containers of volume
19 greater than 50 ml. that contain liquor, a deposit of 15 cents shall be paid by
20 the consumer on each beverage container sold at the retail level and refunded

1 to the consumer upon return of the empty beverage container. The difference
2 between liquor bottle deposits collected and refunds made is hereby retained
3 by the Liquor Control Enterprise Fund for administration of this subsection.

4 (b) A retailer or a person operating a redemption center who redeems
5 beverage containers shall be reimbursed by the manufacturer or distributor of
6 ~~such~~ the beverage containers in an amount that is three and one-half cents per
7 container for containers of beverage brands that are part of a commingling
8 program and ~~four~~ five cents per container for containers of beverage brands
9 that are not part of a commingling program.

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11 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.