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Introduced by Representatives Gregoire of Fairfield, Austin of Colchester,
Bancroft of Westford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Campbell of
St. Johnsbury, Demrow of Corinth, Dickinson of St. Albans
Town, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Gamache of
Swanton, Hango of Berkshire, Morgan of Milton, Notte of
Rutland City, Noyes of Wolcott, Page of Newport City, Pajala
of Londonderry, Rosenquist of Georgia, Seymour of Sutton,
Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany, and White of Hartford

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and development; beverage container redemption;
definition of beverage

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: The bill would expand the scope of
the beverage container deposit-redemption system to include water bottles,
alcoholic cider, alcoholic seltzer, and containers for all noncarbonated and
carbonated drinks, except for milk, rice milk, soy milk, almond milk, hemp
seed milk, and dairy products.

An act relating to the beverage container redemption system

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

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

3 § 1521. DEFINITIONS

4 ~~For the purpose of~~ As used in this chapter:

5 (1) “Beverage” means beer or other malt beverages ~~and~~, mineral waters,
6 mixed wine ~~drink~~ drinks, alcoholic cider, alcoholic seltzer, ice tea, soda water
7 ~~and~~, carbonated and noncarbonated soft drinks, carbonated and noncarbonated
8 water, and all other nonalcoholic carbonated and noncarbonated drinks in
9 liquid form and intended for human consumption, except for milk, rice milk,
10 soy milk, almond milk, hemp seed milk, and dairy products.

11 (2) “Biodegradable material” means material that is capable of being
12 broken down by bacteria into basic elements.

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

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18 (9) “Mixed wine drink” means a beverage containing wine and more
19 than 15 percent added plain, carbonated, or sparkling water; and that contains
20 added natural or artificial blended material, such as fruit juices, flavors,
21 flavoring, adjuncts, coloring, or preservatives; that contains not more than

1 16 percent alcohol by volume; or other similar product marketed as a wine
2 cooler.

3 (10) "Liquor" means spirits as defined in 7 V.S.A. § 2.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.