



LD 1431 and Response

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LD 1431: Resolve to Support Municipal Recycling Programs

- Directs DEP to develop legislation to create a packaging product stewardship program
- Requires:
 - Cover \geq 80% of municipal costs of recycling
 - Provide per capita payments to municipalities to help cover costs on non-recyclable packaging
 - Differential costs incentivizing recyclability, lower toxicity, and use of recycled content
 - Investment in education and infrastructure



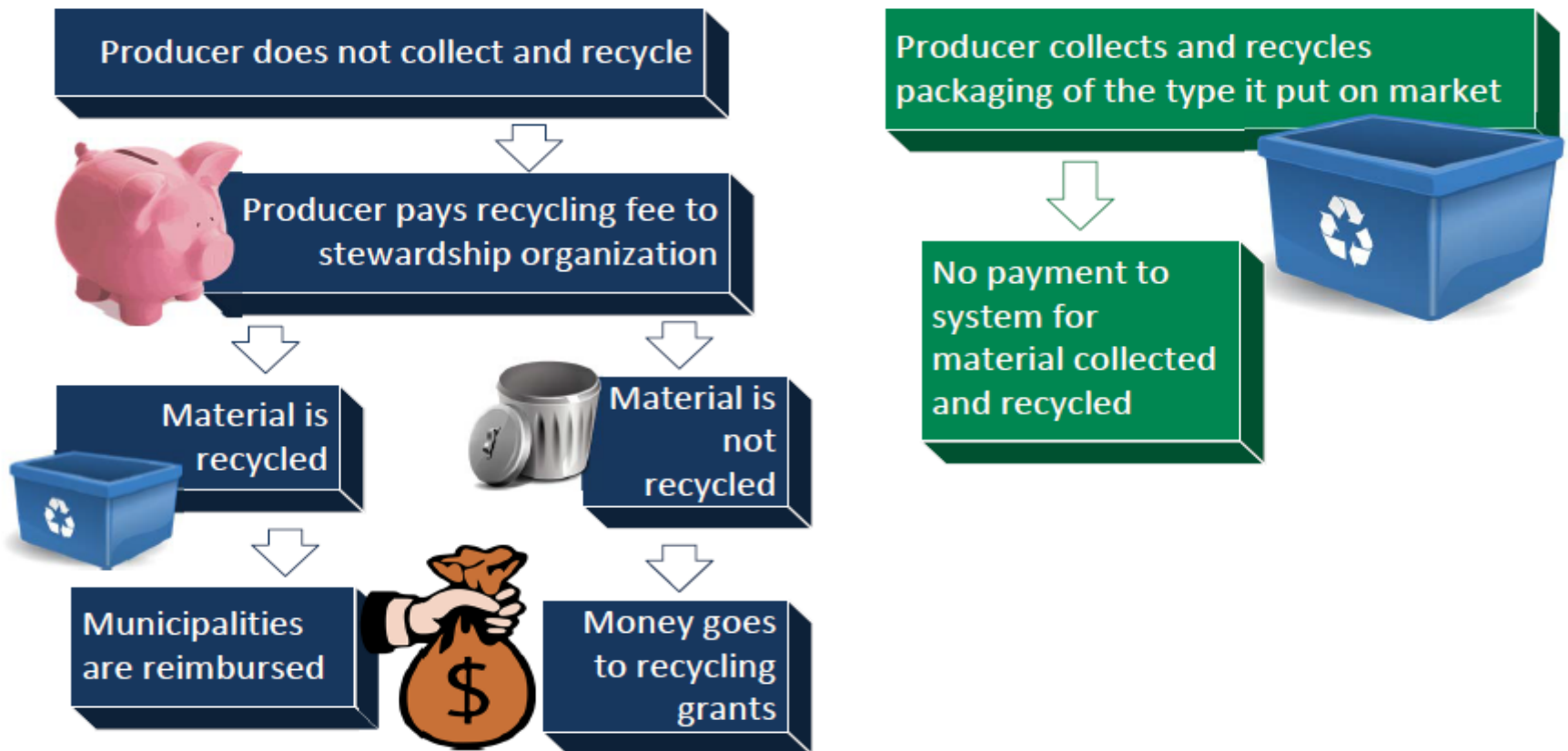
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- Exempts packaging covered by the bottle bill
- Exempts “small producers” from the need to participate
- Defines packaging broadly: “at a minimum, materials used to wrap or protect consumer goods... and containers and packaging used in the shipping, storage, protection and marketing of consumer products.”



General schematic

Producer puts **readily recyclable** materials on the market



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Producer puts packaging on the market that is **not readily recyclable**

Producer does not collect and recycle packaging and it is disposed



Producer pays trash fee to stewardship organization



Trash fees distributed to municipalities on a per capita basis



Producer collects and recycles packaging of the type it put on market



No payment to system for material collected and recycled





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