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2 Senator Bray moves that the report of the Committee on Natural Resources  
3 and Energy be amended as follows:

4 First: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. chapter 53, in section 1521, by striking out  
5 subdivision (1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (1)  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1)(A) “Beverage” means ~~beer or other malt beverages and mineral~~  
8 ~~waters, mixed wine drink, soda water and carbonated soft~~ all drinks in liquid  
9 form and intended for human consumption, except for milk, dairy products,  
10 plant-based beverages, infant formula, meal replacement drinks, or  
11 nonalcoholic cider.

12 (B) As of January 1, 1990, “beverage” also ~~shall mean~~ means liquor.

13 (C) Notwithstanding subdivision (A) of this subdivision (1),  
14 “beverage” does not include vinous beverages until January 1, 2026.

15 and by adding subdivision 1521(12) and (13) to read as follows:

16 (12) “Cider” means a beverage, made a majority from the fermented  
17 natural sugar content of apples or pears, that contains an alcoholic content of  
18 not less than one percent or more than 16 percent by volume at 60 degrees  
19 Fahrenheit. “Cider” includes sweetened, flavored, and carbonated cider.

20 (13) “Vinous beverages” means all fermented beverages of any name or  
21 description manufactured or obtained for sale from the natural sugar content of

1 fruits or other agricultural product, containing sugar, the total alcoholic content  
2 of which is not less than one percent nor more than 16 percent by volume at 60  
3 degrees Fahrenheit. As used in this section, “vinous beverages” shall not mean  
4 cider.

5 Second: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. chapter 53, in section 1532, by striking out  
6 subdivision (a)(3) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 (3) Impacts to municipal recycling. The plan shall propose a protocol  
8 for documenting the amount of Bottle Bill materials that are processed and  
9 marketed by solid waste management entities, including at materials recovery  
10 facilities, and shall propose a compensation formula for glass-, plastic-, and  
11 aluminum-covered beverage containers that are made usable as recycled  
12 commodities.

13 Third: By striking out Sec. 8, beverage container implementation study, in  
14 its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 8 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 8. BEVERAGE CONTAINER SCOPE AND IMPLEMENTATION

16 STUDY

17 (a) On or before January 15, 2023, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall  
18 submit to the House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife and  
19 the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy a written report  
20 including all of the following:

1           (1) a recommendation on whether minimum and maximum size limits  
2           on containers should be included as part of the beverage container deposit  
3           redemption system in 10 V.S.A. chapter 53;

4           (2) a recommended beverage container deposit amount for glass wine  
5           bottles;

6           (3) a summary of the logistical and financial impacts of wine bottles on  
7           the operation of the beverage container deposit-redemption system and  
8           municipal recycling infrastructure; and

9           (4) recommended strategies to aid in the development of markets for the  
10           use of recycled glass.

11           (b) The Secretary of Natural Resources shall convene a stakeholder process  
12           or processes when developing recommendations required by subsection (a) of  
13           this section. The process shall include all current stakeholders in the bottle  
14           redemption system as well as the nonbottle redemption system.

15           Fourth: In Sec. 9, effective dates, in subdivision (7), after “shall take effect  
16           on” and before the semicolon, by striking out “January 1, 2025” and inserting  
17           in lieu thereof July 1, 2030