

VPIRG

Proposed Amendments on H.175

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I. Trigger Deposit Increase

Starting in 2023 and thereafter, should the redemption rate for two consecutive calendar years ever be less than 70%, the department shall increase the deposit value for all beverage by \$0.05 before December 31 of the following calendar year.

II. Size Limits

(3) "Container" means the individual, separate, bottle, can, jar, or carton composed of glass, metal, paper, plastic, or any combination of those materials and containing **three liters or less of a carbonated beverage, or two and one-half liters or less of a noncarbonated beverage**. This definition shall not include: (A) containers made of biodegradable material; or (B) containers made of material that is not readily recyclable in the State as determined by the Secretary of Natural Resources

III. Universal Product Codes

...**(b)On and after January 1, 2024, each beverage container sold or offered for sale in this state that has a refund value pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, shall include a Universal Product Code and barcode. Each deposit initiator shall provide such Universal Product Code and barcode, with packaging information, to the reverse vending machine system administrators and other system operators, not less than thirty days prior to placement of any such beverage container on the market.**(c) The Commissioner of Liquor and Lottery may allow, in the case of liquor bottles, a conspicuous, adhesive sticker to be attached to indicate the deposit information **and barcode required in subsection (b) of this section**, provided that the size, placement, and adhesive qualities of the sticker are as approved by the Commissioner. The stickers shall be affixed to the bottles by the manufacturer, except that liquor that is sold in the State in quantities less than 100 cases per year may have stickers affixed by personnel employed by the Division of Liquor Control. (c) This section shall not apply to permanently labeled beverage containers. (d) The Secretary may allow, in the case of wine bottles, a conspicuous adhesive sticker to be attached to indicate the deposit information required in subsection (a) of this section, provided that the size, placement, and adhesive qualities of the sticker are as approved by the Secretary. The sticker shall be affixed by the manufacturer or the distributor.

IV. RVM Requirement for Big Chain Stores

(a) On and after **XXX**, any dealer, as defined in section 22a-243 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, whose place of business is part of a chain engaged in the same general field of business that operates **X** or more stores in this state under common ownership and whose business has not less than

XK square feet devoted to the display of merchandise for sale to the public shall install and maintain not less than **X** reverse vending machines, as defined in section 22a-243 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, at such dealer's place of business. (b) The requirements of subsection (a) of this section to install and maintain reverse vending machines shall not apply to any dealer that: (1) Sells only beverage containers, as defined in section 22a-243 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, of twenty ounces or less where such beverage containers are packaged in quantities fewer than six; (2) sells beverage containers and devotes no more than five per cent of the dealer's floor space to the display and sale of consumer products; or (3) obtains a waiver from the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection authorizing dealers to provide consumers with an alternative technology