

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Natural Resources and Energy to which was referred
3 House Bill No. 158 entitled “An act relating to the beverage container
4 redemption system” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as
6 follows:

7 First: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. chapter 53, in section 1523, by striking out
8 subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b)
9 to read as follows:

10 (b)(1) A retailer, ~~with the prior approval of the Secretary,~~ may refuse to
11 redeem beverage containers if a ~~redemption center or centers are established~~
12 ~~that serve the public need~~ stewardship plan that meets the requirements of
13 section 1532 of this title has been implemented by the producer responsibility
14 organization in the State and the retailer’s building is less than 5,000 square
15 feet.

16 (2) A manufacturer or distributor that sells directly to a consumer from a
17 retail location may refuse to redeem beverage containers if the retail location
18 where the manufacturer or distributor sells beverage containers is less than
19 5,000 square feet.

20 Second: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. chapter 53, in section 1532, by inserting a
21 subsection (d) to read as follows:

1 (d) Revision of stewardship goals. If the producer responsibility
2 organization fails to meet the beverage container redemption rate in section
3 1534 of this title for vinous beverage containers or for all other beverage
4 containers, the Secretary may require the producer responsibility organization
5 to implement activities to enhance the rate of redemption, including additional
6 public education and outreach, additional redemption sites, or additional
7 redemption opportunities.

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14 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE