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Senator Lyons moves that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. chapter 53, by adding section 1521a to read as follows:

§ 1521a. GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVAL OF EXPANSION

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the scope of the beverage container redemption system shall not expand until:

(1) the Agency of Natural Resources submits a report to the General Assembly assessing the cost of the expansion on consumers, retail businesses, solid waste management entities, and the Agency of Natural Resources; and

(2) the General Assembly enacts specific authorization for the expansion.

Second: By striking out Sec. 11, effective dates, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023, except that:

(1) in Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. § 1521(1) (expansion of the definition of beverage types) and 10 V.S.A. § 1522(a) (deposit for vinous beverages) shall take effect six months after the General Assembly approves expansion of the beverage container redemption system under 10 V.S.A. § 1521a;

(2) in Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. § 1524(b) (requiring a UPC label on containers) shall take effect on March 1, 2025;

(3) in Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. § 1531(a) (prohibiting the sale or distribution without participating in the producer responsibility organization) shall take effect on March 1, 2025;

(4) Sec. 2 (abandoned beverage container deposits; initial Clean Water Fund amount) shall take effect on January 1, 2026;

(5) Sec. 3. (abandoned beverage container deposit; Clean Water Fund amount on expansion) shall take effect six months after the General Assembly approves expansion of the beverage container redemption system under 10 V.S.A. § 1521a;

(6) Sec. 3a. (abandoned beverage container deposit; Solid Waste Management Assistance Account) shall take effect five years after the General Assembly approves expansion of the beverage container redemption system under 10 V.S.A. § 1521a;

(7) Sec. 5 (deposits to Clean Water Fund) shall take effect January 1, 2026; and

(8) Sec. 6 (Waste Management Assistance Fund) shall take effect five years after the General Assembly approves expansion of the beverage container redemption system under 10 V.S.A. § 1521a.