

H.915: An Act Relating to Establishing an Extended Producer Responsibility Program for Beverage Containers
Timeline for Implementation

July 1, 2026	Effective date of act; most substantive effective dates are embedded in the bill.
July 1, 2026	Increase handling fee from 4 to 5 cents for non-commingled containers. § 1522(b)
January 1, 2027	Manufacturers and distributors of beverage containers sold or distributed in the State shall apply to ANR to form a producer responsibility organization (PRO). (Does not apply to liquor managed by DLL). § 1531(b)
January 15, 2027	DLL annually reports to ANR amount of collected liquor containers and redemption rate. § 1522(a).
July 1, 2027	Each beverage container sold or offered for sale in the State that is subject to the deposit shall include a Universal Product Code and barcode on the label. § 1524(c)
March 1, 2028	Beverage containers prohibited from sale or distribution unless beverage is participating in ANR approved PRO. § 1531(a); Sec. 7(2)
March 1, 2028	Repeal of 10 V.S.A. § 1529 (redemption center certification with ANR). Sec. 6.
April 1, 2028	An approved PRO submits a stewardship plan to ANR. § 1532(a)
Nine Months After ANR Approval of PRO Plan	PRO implements an ANR approved plan.
July 1, 2029 annually thereafter	ANR submits to Legislature a report containing current beverage container redemption rate. § 1534(b)
July 1, 2029	First beverage container redemption rate goal of 75%. § 1534. ANR recommends to Legislature whether to increase the deposit. Legislature would need to act for the increase. § 1534(b)(2).
October 1, 2029 annually thereafter	PRO conducts independent third-party fiscal audit of the stewardship collection program. § 1533(b). Audit results are submitted to ANR.
FY 2030	ANR may transfer up to \$1,000,000 to the Solid Waste Management Assistance Account instead of the Clean Water Fund from the unclaimed beverage container deposits for grants to implement PRO stewardship plan.

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FY 2032	ANR may transfer up to \$750,000 to the Solid Waste Management Assistance Account instead of the Clean Water Fund from the unclaimed beverage container deposits for grants to implement PRO stewardship plan.
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October 1, 2033 every 5 years	PRO conducts an independent third-party audit of the operation of the stewardship plan. § 1533(a). Audit results are submitted to ANR.