

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

Timeline for Implementation of Beverage Container Stewardship Plan

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| 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 and from 3.5 cents to 4.5 cents for all other non-liquor containers. § 1522(b) |
| January 1, 2027 | Deposit initiators 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 annually thereafter | DLL annually reports to ANR amount of collected liquor containers and redemption rate. § 1527(5). |
| 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) |
| April 1, 2028 | An approved PRO submits a stewardship plan to ANR. § 1532(a) |
| July 1, 2028 | Beverage containers prohibited from sale or distribution unless beverage manufacturer is covered by an ANR approved PRO. § 1531(a); Sec. 13(2) |
| March 1, 2029 | PRO implements an ANR approved plan. § 1532(d) |
| March 1, 2029 | Repeal of 10 V.S.A. § 1529. Redemption center certification with ANR is repealed. Redemption centers will be approved under the PRO plan. Sec. 8. |
| March 1, 2029 | Repeal of 10 V.S.A. § 1528. Beverage registration with ANR is repealed. Beverages required to be registered under PRO stewardship plan. |
| March 1, 2029 | Standards for acceptance of beverage containers amended to allow for additional basis for refusal of redemption by retailers, redemption centers, and manufacturers. See Sec. 2. |
| January 1, 2030 | ANR submits status report on implementation of PRO stewardship plan to Legislature. Sec. 6 |
| December 1, 2030 annually thereafter | ANR submits to Legislature a report containing current beverage container redemption rate. § 1534(b) |

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| July 1, 2030 | 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(a)(1). |
| October 1, 2030 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. |
| FY 2031 | 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. |
| 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. |
| FY 2033 | 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. |
| October 1, 2033 | ANR implementation grants to PRO to support establishment of the stewardship plan are repealed. Sec. 8(b) |
| 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. |