

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

<b>July 1, 2026</b>	Effective date of act; most substantive effective dates are embedded in the bill.
<b>July 1, 2026</b>	Increase handling fee from 4 to 5 cents for non-commingled containers. § 1522(b)
<b>January 1, 2027</b>	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)
<b>January 15, 2027</b>	DLL annually reports to ANR amount of collected liquor containers and redemption rate. § 1522(a).
<b>July 1, 2027</b>	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)
<b>March 1, 2028</b>	Beverage containers prohibited from sale or distribution unless beverage is covered by the PRO's approved stewardship plan. § 1531(a); Sec. 7(2)
<b>March 1, 2028</b>	Repeal of 10 V.S.A. § 1529 (redemption center certification with ANR). Sec. 6.
<b>April 1, 2028</b>	An approved PRO submits a stewardship plan to ANR. § 1532(a)
<b>Nine Months After ANR Approval of PRO Plan</b>	PRO implements an ANR approved plan.
<b>July 1, 2029</b> annually thereafter	ANR submits to Legislature a report containing current beverage container redemption rate. § 1534(b)
<b>July 1, 2029</b>	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).
<b>October 1, 2029</b> annually thereafter	PRO conducts independent third-party fiscal audit of the stewardship collection program. § 1533(b). Audit results are submitted to ANR.
<b>FY 2030</b>	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.

<b>FY 2031</b>	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.
<b>FY 2032</b>	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.
<b>FY 2033</b>	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.
<b>October 1, 2033</b> 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.