

455C.12 Penalties.

1. Any person violating the provisions of section 455C.2, 455C.3, 455C.5, and 455C.8, or a rule adopted under this chapter shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

2. A distributor who collects or attempts to collect a refund value on an empty beverage container when the distributor has paid the refund value on the container to a dealer, redemption center, or consumer is guilty of a fraudulent practice.

3. Any person who does any of the following acts is guilty of a fraudulent practice:

a. Collects or attempts to collect the refund value on the container a second time, with the knowledge that the refund value has once been paid by the distributor to a dealer, redemption center or consumer.

b. Manufactures, sells, possesses or applies a false or counterfeit label or indication which shows or purports to show a refund value for a beverage container, with intent to use the false or counterfeit label or indication.

c. Collects or attempts to collect a refund value on a container with the use of a false or counterfeit label or indication showing a refund value, knowing the label or indication to be false or counterfeit.

4. As used in this section, a false or counterfeit label or indication means a label or indication purporting to show a valid refund value which has not been initially applied as authorized by a distributor.

5. Subsection 2 and subsection 3, paragraph "a" of this section have no application to empty beverage containers which are intended to be refillable and are in a standard of condition except for sanitization to be refillable by the manufacturer.

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