House File 2571

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- 1 Amend House File 2571 as follows:
- By striking everything after the enacting clause and
- 3 inserting:
- 4 < DIVISION I
- 5 CHANGES TO CURRENT BEVERAGE CONTAINERS CONTROL LAW
- 6 Section 1. Section 455C.1, subsections 1 and 6, Code 2022,
- 7 are amended to read as follows:
- 8 1. "Beverage" means wine as defined in section 123.3,
- 9 subsection 54, alcoholic liquor as defined in section 123.3,
- 10 subsection 5, beer as defined in section 123.3, subsection
- 11 7, high alcoholic content beer as defined in section 123.3,
- 12 subsection 22, canned cocktail as defined in section 123.3,
- 13 subsection 11, mineral water, soda water, and similar
- 14 carbonated soft drinks in liquid form and intended for human
- 15 consumption.
- 16 6. "Dealer agent" means a person who solicits or picks up
- 17 empty beverage containers from a dealer for the purpose of
- 18 returning the empty beverage containers to a distributor or
- 19 manufacturer.
- 20 Sec. 2. Section 455C.1, Code 2022, is amended by adding the
- 21 following new subsections:
- 22 NEW SUBSECTION. 01. "Automatic redemption system" means a
- 23 location operated by a redemption service provider at which a
- 24 consumer may return empty beverage containers on which a refund
- 25 value has been paid that uses innovative technology to process
- 26 empty beverage containers and return the amount of the refund
- 27 value to consumers.
- 28 NEW SUBSECTION. 12A. "Participating dealer" means a dealer
- 29 who accepts the return of empty beverage containers from a
- 30 consumer.
- 31 NEW SUBSECTION. 14. "Redemption service provider" means a
- 32 dealer agent or a registered redemption center.
- 33 Sec. 3. Section 455C.2, Code 2022, is amended to read as
- 34 follows:
- 35 455C.2 Refund values.

- 1 l. A refund value of not less than five cents shall be paid
- 2 by the consumer on each beverage container sold in this state
- 3 by a dealer for consumption off the premises. Upon return of
- 4 the empty beverage container upon which a refund value has
- 5 been paid to the a participating dealer or person operating
- 6 a redemption center and acceptance of the empty beverage
- 7 container by the participating dealer or person operating a
- 8 redemption center, the participating dealer or person operating
- 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ redemption center shall return the amount of the refund value
- 10 to the consumer.
- 11 2. a. In addition to the refund value provided in
- 12 subsection 1 of this section, a participating dealer, or person
- 13 operating a redemption center who redeems empty beverage
- 14 containers or a dealer agent shall be reimbursed by the
- 15 distributor required to accept the empty beverage containers an
- 16 amount which that is one cent per container. A dealer, dealer
- 17 agent, or person operating a redemption center may compact
- 18 empty metal beverage containers with the approval of the
- 19 distributor required to accept the containers. A redemption
- 20 center shall be reimbursed an amount that is two cents per
- 21 container.
- 22 b. When a distributor delivers beverage containers to
- 23 a dealer, the dealer shall pay to the distributor as a
- 24 contribution to the reimbursement required under paragraph "a"
- 25 one-half of one cent per beverage container for each beverage
- 26 container delivered.
- 27 Sec. 4. Section 455C.3, subsections 1, 2, and 4, Code 2022,
- 28 are amended to read as follows:
- 29 l. A participating dealer shall not refuse to accept from a
- 30 consumer any empty beverage container of the kind, size, and
- 31 brand sold by the participating dealer, or refuse to pay to the
- 32 consumer the refund value of a beverage container as provided
- 33 under section 455C.2.
- 34 2. A distributor shall accept and pick up from a
- 35 participating dealer served by the distributor or a redemption

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1 center for a dealer served by the distributor at least weekly,
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- 2 or when the distributor delivers the beverage product if
- 3 deliveries are less frequent than weekly, any empty beverage
- 4 container of the kind, size, and brand sold by the distributor,
- 5 and shall pay to the participating dealer or person operating
- 6 a redemption center the refund value of a beverage container
- 7 and the reimbursement as provided under section 455C.2 within
- 8 one week following pickup of the containers or when the
- 9 participating dealer or redemption center normally pays the
- 10 distributor for the deposit on beverage products purchased from
- 11 the distributor if less frequent than weekly. A distributor
- 12 or employee or agent of a distributor is not in violation
- 13 of this subsection if a redemption center is closed when the
- 14 distributor attempts to make a regular delivery or a regular
- 15 pickup of empty beverage containers. This subsection does
- 16 not apply to a distributor selling alcoholic liquor to the
- 17 alcoholic beverages division of the department of commerce.
- 18 4. A distributor shall accept from a dealer agent any
- 19 empty beverage container of the kind, size, and brand sold by
- 20 the distributor and which that was picked up by the dealer
- 21 agent from a dealer within the geographic territory served
- 22 by the distributor and the distributor shall pay the dealer
- 23 agent the refund value of the empty beverage container and the
- 24 reimbursement as provided in section 455C.2.
- Sec. 5. Section 455C.4, Code 2022, is amended to read as
- 26 follows:
- 27 455C.4 Refusal to accept containers.
- Except as provided in section 455C.5, subsection 3,
- 29 a participating dealer, a person operating a or redemption
- 30 center, a distributor or a manufacturer may refuse to accept
- 31 any empty beverage container which that does not have stated on
- 32 it a refund value as provided under section 455C.2.
- 33 2. a. A dealer may refuse to accept and to pay the
- 34 refund value of any empty beverage container if the place of
- 35 business of the dealer and the kind and brand of empty beverage

- 1 containers are included in an order of the department approving
- 2 a redemption center under section 455C.6 dealer enters a
- 3 contract with a redemption service provider who will accept
- 4 beverage containers on the dealer's behalf. A dealer may only
- 5 enter a contract with a registered redemption center under this
- 6 subsection if the dealer's place of business is in a county
- 7 with a population of more than thirty thousand and within five
- 8 miles of the redemption center or if the dealer's place of
- 9 business is in a county with a population of thirty thousand or
- 10 fewer and within ten miles of the redemption center.
- 11 b. A dealer who refuses to accept empty beverage containers
- 12 and enters a contract with a registered redemption center under
- 13 paragraph "a" shall prominently post on the premises of the
- 14 dealer's place of business a sign that includes the location
- 15 and hours of a registered redemption center with which the
- 16 dealer has contracted under paragraph "a".
- 17 c. A redemption service provider may require as a term of
- 18 a contract entered into under paragraph "a'' that the dealer
- 19 shall make space available on the dealer's property for the
- 20 redemption service provider to collect beverage containers at
- 21 no cost to the redemption service provider.
- 22 d. Entering a contract with a dealer agent or a redemption
- 23 service provider operating an automatic redemption system does
- 24 not satisfy the contract requirement in paragraph "a" unless
- 25 the contract requires the dealer agent or redemption service
- 26 provider operating a mobile redemption system to return refund
- 27 value to consumers in the form of cash or a voucher immediately
- 28 redeemable for cash at the time of return.
- 29 3. A dealer or a distributor may refuse to accept and to pay
- 30 the refund value of an empty wine or alcoholic liquor container
- 31 which is marked to indicate that it was sold by a state liquor
- 32 store. The alcoholic beverages division shall not reimburse
- 33 a dealer or a distributor the refund value on an empty wine or
- 34 alcoholic liquor container which is marked to indicate that the
- 35 container was sold by a state liquor store.

- 1 4. 3. A class "E" liquor control licensee may refuse to
- 2 accept and to pay the refund value on an empty alcoholic liquor
- 3 container from a participating dealer or a redemption center
- 4 or from a person acting on behalf of or who has received empty
- 5 alcoholic liquor containers from a participating dealer or a
- 6 redemption center.
- 7 5. 4. A manufacturer or distributor may refuse to accept
- 8 and to pay the refund value and reimbursement as provided in
- 9 section 455C.2 on any empty beverage container that was picked
- 10 up by a dealer agent from a dealer outside the geographic
- 11 territory served by the manufacturer or distributor.
- 12 Sec. 6. Section 455C.5, subsection 1, Code 2022, is amended
- 13 to read as follows:
- 14 1. Each beverage container sold or offered for sale in
- 15 this state by a dealer shall clearly indicate the refund value
- 16 of the container by embossing or by a stamp, label, or other
- 17 method securely affixed to the container, the refund value of
- 18 the container. The department shall specify, by rule, the
- 19 minimum size of the refund value indication on the beverage
- 20 containers.
- 21 Sec. 7. Section 455C.6, subsections 1, 2, and 5, Code 2022,
- 22 are amended to read as follows:
- 23 1. To facilitate the return of empty beverage containers and
- 24 to serve dealers of beverages, any person may register with the
- 25 department pursuant to subsection 2 to establish a redemption
- 26 center, subject to the approval of the department, at which
- 27 consumers may return empty beverage containers and receive
- 28 payment of the refund value of such beverage containers.
- 29 2. a. An application for approval of Written notice of
- 30 the operation of a redemption center shall be filed with the
- 31 department. The application notice shall state the name and
- 32 address of the person responsible for the establishment and
- 33 operation of the redemption center, the kind and brand names
- 34 of the beverage containers which will be accepted at the
- 35 redemption center, and the names and addresses of the dealers

- 1 to be served by the redemption center. The application shall
- 2 contain such other information as the director may reasonably
- 3 require include the information listed in paragraph b''.
- 4 Upon filing a proper notice, the redemption center shall be
- 5 considered registered for purposes of this chapter.
- 6 b. A redemption center's notice filed under paragraph "a"
- 7 shall be considered proper if it includes all of the following:
- 8 (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the
- 9 redemption center.
- 10 (2) The name, address, and telephone number of the person or
- 11 persons responsible for the establishment and operation of the
- 12 redemption center.
- 13 (3) An indication that the redemption center will accept
- 14 all kinds, sizes, and brands of beverage containers sold by the
- 15 dealers served by the redemption center.
- 16 (4) The names and addresses of the distributors whose
- 17 beverage containers will be redeemed.
- 18 (5) The hours during which the redemption center will be
- 19 open.
- 20 (6) An indication that the redemption center will be in
- 21 operation and open to the public for the redemption of beverage
- 22 containers at least twenty hours per week, four hours of which
- 23 shall be between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. or on
- 24 Saturday or Sunday, or a combination thereof.
- 25 5. All approved redemption centers shall meet applicable
- 26 health standards.
- 27 Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. 455C.6A Automatic redemption systems.
- 28 A redemption service provider may operate an automatic
- 29 redemption system to accept the return of empty beverage
- 30 containers and return refund value to consumers.
- 31 Sec. 9. Section 455C.12, subsection 2, Code 2022, is amended
- 32 to read as follows:
- 33 2. A distributor who collects or attempts to collect
- 34 a refund value on an empty beverage container when the
- 35 distributor has paid the refund value on the container to a

- 1 participating dealer, redemption center, or consumer is guilty
- 2 of a fraudulent practice.
- 3 Sec. 10. Section 455C.12, subsection 3, paragraphs a and b,
- 4 Code 2022, are amended to read as follows:
- 5 a. Collects or attempts to collect the refund value on the
- 6 container a second time, with the knowledge that the refund
- 7 value has once been paid by the distributor to a participating
- 8 dealer, redemption center, or consumer.
- 9 b. Manufactures, sells, possesses, or applies a false or
- 10 counterfeit label or indication which that shows or purports to
- 11 show a refund value for a beverage container, with intent to
- 12 use the false or counterfeit label or indication.
- 13 Sec. 11. Section 455C.12, Code 2022, is amended by adding
- 14 the following new subsection:
- 15 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. A person who violates any provision of
- 16 this chapter, or any rule, permit, or order adopted or issued
- 17 under this chapter, shall be subject to a civil penalty not
- 18 to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars for each day of
- 19 the violation. The department shall adopt rules establishing
- 20 a schedule of civil penalties based on the severity of the
- 21 violation. Any civil penalty collected under this chapter
- 22 shall be deposited in the bottle bill enforcement fund
- 23 established in section 455C.12D.
- 24 Sec. 12. NEW SECTION. 455C.12A Administrative enforcement
- 25 compliance orders.
- 26 1. The director may issue any order necessary to secure
- 27 compliance with or prevent a violation of the provisions of
- 28 this chapter or any rule adopted or permit or order issued
- 29 pursuant to this chapter. Any order issued pursuant to this
- 30 section may impose a civil penalty authorized pursuant to
- 31 section 455C.12, subsection 6, for a violation of the order,
- 32 to be collected administratively by the department. The
- 33 person to whom the compliance order is issued may cause to be
- 34 commenced a contested case within the meaning of chapter 17A by
- 35 filing within thirty days a notice of appeal to the director.

- 1 Following a contested case hearing and a proposed decision
- 2 issued by the department, the commission may affirm, modify, or
- 3 vacate the proposed decision.
- If a person continues an alleged violation during the
- 5 appeals process and the commission affirms that the person has
- 6 committed a violation, the department may assess penalties for
- 7 each day the violation continued through the appeals process.
- 8 Sec. 13. NEW SECTION. 455C.12B Judicial review.
- 9 Judicial review of any final order or other final action of
- 10 the commission or director may be sought in accordance with the
- 11 terms of chapter 17A. Notwithstanding the terms of chapter
- 12 17A, petitions for judicial review may be filed in the district
- 13 court of the county in which the alleged offense was committed.
- 14 Sec. 14. NEW SECTION. 455C.12C Civil actions for compliance
- 15 penalties.
- 16 The attorney general, on request of the department, shall
- 17 institute any legal proceedings necessary to obtain compliance
- 18 with an order of the commission or the director, including
- 19 proceedings for a temporary injunction, or prosecuting any
- 20 person for a violation of the provisions of this chapter or
- 21 any rules adopted or permit or order issued pursuant to this
- 22 chapter.
- 23 Sec. 15. NEW SECTION. 455C.12D Bottle bill enforcement
- 24 fund.
- 25 A bottle bill enforcement fund is established in the state
- 26 treasury under the control of the department. The fund shall
- 27 consist of moneys deposited in the fund pursuant to section
- 28 455C.12, subsection 6, and any other moneys appropriated to or
- 29 deposited in the fund. Moneys in the fund are appropriated
- 30 to the department for purposes of administering and enforcing
- 31 this chapter. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the
- 32 fund that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
- 33 a fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
- 34 expenditure for the purposes designated. Notwithstanding
- 35 section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in

- 1 the fund shall be credited to the fund.
- 2 Sec. 16. Section 455C.13, Code 2022, is amended to read as
- 3 follows:
- 4 455C.13 Distributors' Collection and disposal agreements
- 5 authorized.
- 6 l. A distributor, dealer, or redemption center may enter
- 7 into a contract or agreement with any other distributor,
- 8 manufacturer, or person for the purpose of collecting or paying
- 9 the refund value on, or disposing of, beverage containers as
- 10 provided in this chapter.
- 11 2. For purposes of this chapter, any contracts entered into
- 12 pursuant to this section for the collection or disposal of
- 13 empty beverage containers shall not be deemed to interfere with
- 14 the refund value pursuant to section 455C.2.
- 15 Sec. 17. Section 455C.14, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
- 16 amended to read as follows:
- 17 l. If the refund value indication required under section
- 18 455C.5 on an empty nonrefillable metal beverage container
- 19 is readable but the redemption of the container is lawfully
- 20 refused by a participating dealer or person operating a
- 21 redemption center under other sections of this chapter or
- 22 rules adopted pursuant to these sections, the container
- 23 shall be accepted and the refund value paid to a consumer
- 24 as provided in this section. Each beer distributor selling
- 25 nonrefillable metal beverage containers in this state shall
- 26 provide individually or collectively by contract or agreement
- 27 with a dealer, person operating a redemption center, or another
- 28 person, at least one facility in the county seat of each county
- 29 where refused empty nonrefillable metal beverage containers
- 30 having a readable refund value indication as required by
- 31 this chapter are accepted and redeemed. In cities having a
- 32 population of twenty-five thousand or more, the number of the
- 33 facilities provided shall be one for each twenty-five thousand
- 34 population or a fractional part of that population.
- 35 Sec. 18. Section 455C.16, Code 2022, is amended to read as

- 1 follows:
- 2 455C.16 Beverage containers disposal at sanitary landfill
- 3 prohibited.
- 4 Beginning July 1, 1990, the The final disposal of beverage
- 5 containers by a dealer, distributor, or manufacturer, or
- 6 person operating a redemption center, in a sanitary landfill,
- 7 is prohibited. Beginning September 1, 1992, including the
- 8 final disposal of beverage containers that used to contain
- 9 alcoholic liquor as defined in section 123.3, subsection 5,
- 10 by a participating dealer, distributor, or manufacturer, or
- 11 person operating a redemption center in a sanitary landfill,
- 12 is prohibited.
- 13 DIVISION II
- 14 REPEAL OF CURRENT BEVERAGE CONTAINERS CONTROL LAW
- 15 Sec. 19. Section 123.24, subsection 2, paragraph d, Code
- 16 2022, is amended by striking the paragraph.
- Sec. 20. Section 123.26, Code 2022, is amended to read as
- 18 follows:
- 19 123.26 Restrictions on sales seals labeling.
- 20 Alcoholic liquor shall not be sold by a class "E" liquor
- 21 control licensee except in a sealed container with identifying
- 22 markers as prescribed by the administrator and affixed in the
- 23 manner prescribed by the administrator, and no such container
- 24 shall be opened upon the premises of a state warehouse. The
- 25 division shall cooperate with the department of natural
- 26 resources so ensure that only one identifying marker or mark is
- 27 needed to satisfy the requirements of this section and section
- 28 455C.5 123B.4, subsection 1. Possession of alcoholic liquors
- 29 which that do not carry the prescribed identifying markers is a
- 30 violation of this chapter except as provided in section 123.22.
- 31 Sec. 21. Section 123.187, subsection 3, paragraph e, Code
- 32 2022, is amended by striking the paragraph.
- 33 Sec. 22. Section 423.6, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
- 34 2022, is amended to read as follows:
- 35 a. Any tangible personal property including containers

- 1 for which it is intended shall, by means of fabrication,
- 2 compounding, manufacturing, or germination, become an integral
- 3 part of other tangible personal property intended to be sold
- 4 ultimately at retail, and containers used in the collection,
- 5 recovery, or return of empty beverage containers subject to
- 6 chapter 455C 123B.
- 7 Sec. 23. Section 455A.4, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
- 8 2022, is amended to read as follows:
- 9 b. Provide overall supervision, direction, and coordination
- 10 of functions to be administered by the administrators under
- 11 chapters 321G, 321I, 455B, 455C, 456A, 456B, 457A, 458A, 459,
- 12 459A, 459B, 461A, 462A, 462B, 464A, 465C, 473, 481A, 481B,
- 13 483A, 484A, and 484B.
- 14 Sec. 24. Section 455A.6, subsection 6, paragraphs a, b, and
- 15 d, Code 2022, are amended to read as follows:
- 16 a. Establish policy for the department and adopt rules,
- 17 pursuant to chapter 17A, necessary to provide for the effective
- 18 administration of chapter 455B, 455C, or 459.
- 19 b. Hear appeals in contested cases pursuant to chapter 17A
- 20 on matters relating to actions taken by the director under
- 21 chapter 455C, 458A, 464B, or 473.
- 22 d. Approve the budget request prepared by the director
- 23 for the programs authorized by chapters 455B, 455C, 455E,
- 24 455F, 455H, and 459, subchapters II and III. The commission
- 25 shall approve the budget request prepared by the director for
- 26 programs subject to the rulemaking authority of the commission.
- 27 The commission may increase, decrease, or strike any item
- 28 within the department budget request for the specified programs
- 29 before granting approval.
- 30 Sec. 25. Section 455B.313, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
- 31 amended to read as follows:
- A distributor as defined in section 455C.1, subsection
- 33 9, shall not sell or offer to sell any beverage container
- 34 if the beverage container is connected to another beverage
- 35 container by a device constructed of a material which that is

- 1 not biodegradable or photodegradable.
- 2 Sec. 26. Section 455B.313, Code 2022, is amended by adding
- 3 the following new subsection:
- 4 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. For purposes of this section,
- 5 "distributor" means any person who engages in the sale of
- 6 beverages in beverage containers to a dealer in this state,
- 7 as those terms are defined in section 123B.1, including any
- 8 manufacturer who engages in such sales.
- 9 Sec. 27. REPEAL. Chapter 455C, Code 2022, is repealed.
- 10 Sec. 28. TRANSITION PROVISIONS. Upon repeal of chapter
- 11 455C and the creation of the bottle bill deposit fund pursuant
- 12 to section 123B.11, as enacted by this Act, all moneys in the
- 13 bottle bill enforcement fund created in section 455C.12D, as
- 14 enacted by this Act, are transferred to the alcoholic beverages
- 15 division for deposit in the bottle bill deposit fund. Any
- 16 moneys credited to the bottle bill enforcement fund on and
- 17 after January 1, 2024, are transferred to the division for
- 18 deposit in the bottle bill deposit fund.
- 19 Sec. 29. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act takes
- 20 effect January 1, 2024.
- 21 DIVISION III
- 22 NEW BEVERAGE CONTAINERS CONTROL LAW
- 23 Sec. 30. NEW SECTION. 123B.1 Definitions.
- 24 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
- 25 requires:
- 26 1. a. "Beverage" means any of the following:
- 27 (1) Wine as defined in section 123.3, subsection 54.
- 28 (2) Alcoholic liquor as defined in section 123.3,
- 29 subsection 5.
- 30 (3) Beer as defined in section 123.3, subsection 7.
- 31 (4) High alcoholic content beer as defined in section 123.3,
- 32 subsection 22.
- 33 (5) Canned cocktail as defined in section 123.3, subsection
- 34 11.
- 35 (6) Mineral water, soda water, and similar carbonated soft

- 1 drinks.
- 2 (7) Any liquid identified through the use of letters,
- 3 words, or symbols on its product label as a type of water,
- 4 including any flavored water or nutritionally enhanced water,
- 5 in a container greater than or equal to four fluid ounces and
- 6 less than three liters.
- 7 (8) Tea or coffee drinks, regardless of dairy-derived
- 8 content, in a container greater than or equal to four fluid
- 9 ounces and less than three liters.
- 10 (9) Juice derived from one or more fruits or vegetables that
- 11 is intended for direct human consumption and not as a base or
- 12 additive to any beverage or food, in a container greater than
- 13 or equal to four fluid ounces and less than three liters.
- 14 (10) Sports drinks, which are soft drinks designed or
- 15 marketed for consumption in conjunction with sporting activity
- 16 or strenuous exercise, and which typically contain electrolytes
- 17 such as sodium, potassium, and chloride, and a high percentage
- 18 of sugar to restore energy, in a container greater than or
- 19 equal to four fluid ounces and less than three liters.
- 20 (11) Any other liquid that is intended for human consumption
- 21 and is in a container greater than or equal to four fluid
- 22 ounces and less than three liters.
- 23 b. For purposes of this chapter, the term "beverage"
- 24 excludes all of the following:
- 25 (1) A liquid that is a syrup, in a concentrated form,
- 26 or typically added as a minor flavoring ingredient in food
- 27 or drink, including but not limited to extracts, cooking
- 28 additives, sauces, or condiments.
- 29 (2) A liquid that is a drug, medical food, or infant formula
- 30 as defined by the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21
- 31 U.S.C. §301 et seq.
- 32 (3) A liquid that is designed and consumed only as a
- 33 dietary supplement as defined in the Dietary Supplement Health
- 34 and Education Act of 1994, Pub. L. No. 103-417, and not as a
- 35 beverage.

- 1 (4) Instant drink powders.
- 2 (5) Milk, or any product marketed as a plant-based milk, and
- 3 all other dairy-derived products, except tea or coffee drinks
- 4 included in paragraph "a", subparagraph (8).
- 5 2. "Beverage container" means any sealed glass, plastic,
- 6 or metal bottle, can, jar, or carton containing a beverage.
- 7 "Beverage container" does not include foil pouches or drink 8 boxes.
- 9 3. "Commission" means the alcoholic beverages commission 10 established in chapter 123.
- 11 4. "Consumer" means any person who purchases a beverage in a
- 12 beverage container for use or consumption.
- 13 5. "Dealer" means any person who engages in the sale of
- 14 beverages in beverage containers to a consumer.
- 15 6. "Division" means the alcoholic beverages division of the
- 16 department of commerce established in chapter 123.
- 7. "Redemption center" means a business that provides one or
- 18 more facilities at which consumers may return empty beverage
- 19 containers and receive payment for the refund value of the
- 20 empty beverage containers.
- 21 Sec. 31. NEW SECTION. 123B.2 Refund values recycling
- 22 reimbursement.
- 23 l. a. A refund value of five cents shall be paid by a
- 24 consumer to a dealer on each beverage container sold in this
- 25 state by the dealer for consumption off the premises.
- 26 b. On a monthly basis, a dealer shall submit to the
- 27 department of revenue, in a form and manner determined by
- 28 the department, receipts indicating the number of beverage
- 29 containers sold by the dealer and the five-cent refund value
- 30 collected for each beverage container sold by the dealer
- 31 pursuant to paragraph a. The department of revenue shall
- 32 credit monthly to the treasurer of state for deposit in the
- 33 bottle bill deposit fund established in section 123B.11 the
- 34 refund value collected from dealers under this paragraph.
- 35 2. a. When a manufacturer transfers beverage containers to

- 1 a distributor, the manufacturer shall pay to the distributor
- 2 one-half of one cent per beverage container for each beverage
- 3 container transferred.
- 4 b. When a distributor delivers beverage containers to a
- 5 dealer, the dealer shall pay to the distributor one-half of
- 6 one cent per beverage container for each beverage container
- 7 delivered.
- 8 c. Within fourteen days of providing an invoice to a dealer
- 9 for beverage containers delivered to the dealer, a distributor
- 10 shall submit to the department of revenue, in a form and
- 11 manner determined by the department, receipts indicating the
- 12 number of beverage containers delivered to the dealer by the
- 13 distributor and payment in an amount equal to one and one-half
- 14 cents for each beverage container delivered to the dealer. The
- 15 department of revenue shall credit monthly to the treasurer of
- 16 state for deposit in the bottle bill deposit fund established
- 17 in section 123B.11 the moneys collected from a distributor
- 18 under this paragraph.
- 19 3. A consumer may only redeem the refund value by returning
- 20 a beverage container to a registered redemption center
- 21 facility. Upon return of the empty beverage container, upon
- 22 which a refund value has been paid, to a registered redemption
- 23 center facility and acceptance of the empty beverage container
- 24 by the redemption center, the redemption center shall pay the
- 25 amount of the refund value to the consumer within ten days.
- 26 4. A redemption center shall dispose of beverage containers
- 27 by transporting or causing the transport of the beverage
- 28 containers to a recycling site.
- 29 5. On a monthly basis, a redemption center shall be
- 30 reimbursed by the division from the bottle bill deposit fund
- 31 established in section 123B.11 the amount of refund value that
- 32 the redemption center has paid to consumers and the handling
- 33 fee. The division shall establish the handling fee by rule
- 34 in an amount that is three cents per beverage container,
- 35 except that the handling fee shall be one cent per beverage

- 1 container for a redemption center that does not provide refund
- 2 value to consumers in the form of cash at the time of return.
- 3 The division may establish accuracy standards to account for
- 4 discrepancies in the weight of recycled material and the number
- 5 of beverage containers the redemption center claims to have
- 6 been recycled.
- 7 Sec. 32. NEW SECTION. 123B.3 Refusal to accept containers.
- 8 A redemption center may refuse to accept any empty beverage
- 9 container that does not have stated on it a refund value as
- 10 provided under section 123B.4.
- 11 Sec. 33. NEW SECTION. 123B.4 Refund value stated on
- 12 container exceptions.
- 13 l. Each beverage container sold or offered for sale in
- 14 this state by a dealer shall clearly indicate the refund
- 15 value of the container by embossing or by a stamp, label, or
- 16 other method securely affixed to the container. The division
- 17 shall specify, by rule, the minimum size of the refund value
- 18 indication on the beverage containers and require registration
- 19 of the universal product code for each beverage container in a
- 20 format required by the division.
- 21 2. A person, except a distributor, shall not import
- 22 into this state a beverage container that does not have
- 23 securely affixed to the container the refund value indication.
- 24 This subsection does not apply under any of the following
- 25 circumstances:
- 26 a. For beverage containers containing alcoholic liquor as
- 27 defined in section 123.3, subsection 5, the total capacity of
- 28 the containers is not more than one quart or, in the case of
- 29 alcoholic liquor personally obtained outside the United States,
- 30 one gallon.
- 31 b. For beverage containers containing beer as defined
- 32 in section 123.3, subsection 7, the total capacity of the
- 33 containers is not more than two hundred eighty-eight fluid
- 34 ounces.
- 35 c. For all other beverage containers, the total capacity of

- 1 the containers is not more than five hundred seventy-six fluid 2 ounces.
- 3 3. Subsections 1 and 2 do not apply to a refillable glass
- 4 beverage container that has a brand name permanently marked
- 5 on it and that has a refund value of five cents, to any other
- 6 refillable beverage container that has a refund value of five
- 7 cents and that is exempted by rules adopted by the commission,
- 8 or to a beverage container sold aboard a commercial airliner or
- 9 passenger train for consumption on the premises.
- 10 Sec. 34. NEW SECTION. 123B.5 Redemption centers.
- 11 1. To facilitate the return of empty beverage containers,
- 12 any person may register with the division to establish a
- 13 redemption center facility at which consumers may return empty
- 14 beverage containers and receive payment of the refund value of
- 15 such beverage containers.
- 16 2. a. Written notice of the operation of a redemption
- 17 center facility shall be filed with the division. The notice
- 18 shall include the information listed in paragraph "b". Upon
- 19 filing a proper notice, the redemption center facility shall be
- 20 considered registered for purposes of this chapter.
- 21 b. A notice filed under paragraph "a" shall be considered
- 22 proper if it includes all of the following:
- 23 (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the
- 24 redemption center facility.
- 25 (2) The name, address, and telephone number of the person or
- 26 persons responsible for the establishment and operation of the
- 27 redemption center facility.
- 28 (3) An indication that the redemption center facility will
- 29 accept all kinds, sizes, and brands of beverage containers
- 30 sold by all dealers within five miles of the redemption center
- 31 facility if the redemption center facility is in a county
- 32 with a population of more than thirty thousand or sold by all
- 33 dealers within ten miles of the redemption center facility if
- 34 the redemption center facility is in a county with a population
- 35 of thirty thousand or fewer.

- 1 (4) The names and addresses of the distributors whose 2 beverage containers will be redeemed.
- 3 (5) The hours during which the redemption cen
- 3 (5) The hours during which the redemption center will be 4 open.
- 5 (6) An indication that the redemption center facility will
- 6 be in operation and open to the public for the redemption of
- 7 beverage containers at least twenty hours per week, four hours
- 8 of which shall be between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- 9 or on Saturday or Sunday, or a combination thereof.
- 10 Sec. 35. NEW SECTION. 123B.6 Rules.
- 11 The commission shall adopt, upon recommendation of the
- 12 division, rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this
- 13 chapter, subject to the provisions of chapter 17A.
- 14 Sec. 36. NEW SECTION. 123B.7 Penalties.
- 1. Except as provided in subsection 2, any person violating
- 16 the provisions of section 123B.2 or 123B.4, or a rule adopted
- 17 under this chapter, shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor.
- 18 2. Any person who does any of the following acts is quilty
- 19 of a fraudulent practice under chapter 714:
- 20 a. Collects or attempts to collect the refund value on a
- 21 beverage container a second time, with the knowledge that the
- 22 refund value has once been paid by the redemption center to a
- 23 consumer.
- 24 b. Manufactures, sells, possesses, or applies a false or
- 25 counterfeit label or indication that shows or purports to show
- 26 a refund value for a beverage container, with intent to use the
- 27 false or counterfeit label or indication.
- 28 c. Collects or attempts to collect a refund value on
- 29 a container with the use of a false or counterfeit label
- 30 or indication showing a refund value, knowing the label or
- 31 indication to be false or counterfeit.
- 32 d. Intentionally submits to the division a request for
- 33 reimbursement of refund value that does not accurately reflect
- 34 the number of beverage containers collected and recycled by a
- 35 redemption center for the period that the redemption center

- 1 seeks reimbursement.
- 2 3. As used in this section, "a false or counterfeit label
- 3 or indication" means a label or indication purporting to show
- 4 a valid refund value that has not been initially applied as
- 5 authorized by a distributor.
- 6 4. Subsection 2, paragraph "a", does not apply to empty
- 7 beverage containers that are intended to be refillable
- 8 and are in a standard of condition to be refillable by the
- 9 manufacturer, notwithstanding any standard for sanitization.
- 10 5. A person who violates any provision of this chapter
- 11 shall be subject to a civil penalty that shall be established,
- 12 assessed, and collected by the division by rule, but shall not
- 13 exceed two thousand dollars per violation, except as provided
- 14 in section 123B.10. Any civil penalty collected under this
- 15 chapter shall be deposited in the general fund of the state.
- 16 Sec. 37. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **123B.8** Administrative enforcement —
- 17 compliance orders.
- 18 l. The administrator of the division may issue any order
- 19 necessary to secure compliance with or prevent a violation of
- 20 the provisions of this chapter or any rule adopted or permit
- 21 or order issued pursuant to this chapter. The person to whom
- 22 the compliance order is issued may cause to be commenced a
- 23 contested case within the meaning of chapter 17A by filing
- 24 within thirty days a notice of appeal to the commission. On
- 25 appeal, the commission may affirm, modify, or vacate the order
- 26 of the administrator of the division.
- 27 2. If a person continues an alleged violation during the
- 28 appeals process and the commission affirms that the person has
- 29 committed a violation, the division may assess penalties for
- 30 each day the violation continued through the appeals process.
- 31 Sec. 38. NEW SECTION. 123B.9 Judicial review.
- 32 Judicial review of any order or other action of the
- 33 commission or administrator of the division may be sought in
- 34 accordance with the terms of chapter 17A. Notwithstanding the
- 35 terms of chapter 17A, petitions for judicial review may be

- 1 filed in the district court of the county in which the alleged 2 offense was committed.
- 3 Sec. 39. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **123B.10** Civil actions for compliance 4 penalties.
- 5 l. The attorney general, on request of the division, shall
- 6 institute any legal proceedings necessary to obtain compliance
- 7 with an order of the commission or the administrator of the
- 8 division, including proceedings for a temporary injunction,
- 9 or prosecuting any person for a violation of an order of
- 10 the commission or the administrator of the division or the
- ll provisions of this chapter or any rules adopted or permit or
- 12 order issued pursuant to this chapter.
- 2. Any person who violates an order issued pursuant to
- 14 section 123B.8 shall be subject to a civil penalty, not to
- 15 exceed two thousand five hundred dollars for each day of such
- 16 violation.
- 17 Sec. 40. NEW SECTION. 123B.11 Refund value payment program
- 18 fund created.
- 19 1. The division shall establish and administer a refund
- 20 value payment program. The purpose of the program shall be
- 21 to administer payments of refund value and handling fees to
- 22 redemption centers after the redemption centers accept empty
- 23 beverage containers from consumers. The program shall be
- 24 administered in accordance with rules adopted by the commission
- 25 pursuant to chapter 17A.
- 26 2. A bottle bill deposit fund is established in the state
- 27 treasury under the control of the division. The fund shall
- 28 consist of moneys deposited in the fund pursuant to section
- 29 123B.2 and any other moneys appropriated to or deposited in
- 30 the fund. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the division
- 31 for purposes designated in subsection 4. Notwithstanding
- 32 section 8.33, moneys in the fund that remain unencumbered or
- 33 unobligated at the close of a fiscal year shall not revert
- 34 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
- 35 designated. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2,

- 1 interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited 2 to the fund.
- A bottle bill cash reserve account is established
- 4 within the bottle bill deposit fund. Moneys in the bottle
- 5 bill deposit fund on July 1, 2025, shall be deposited in the
- 6 account. The division shall use moneys in the account in the
- 7 event that the other moneys in the bottle bill deposit fund
- 8 are insufficient to issue reimbursement and handling fees
- 9 to redemption centers. At the end of each fiscal year, the
- 10 account shall be replenished to the original amount deposited
- 11 on July 1, 2025, from the other moneys in the bottle bill
- 12 deposit fund if such other moneys are available.
- 4. Moneys in the fund shall be used by the division for all
- 14 of the following purposes:
- 15 a. Issuing reimbursement of refund value to a redemption
- 16 center after the redemption center accepts empty beverage
- 17 containers from and pays the refund value to a consumer.
- 18 b. Issuing the handling fee to a redemption center for each
- 19 beverage container that a redemption center accepts from a
- 20 consumer.
- 21 c. Covering administrative costs to administer the refund
- 22 value payment program in an amount determined by the commission
- 23 by rule.
- 24 d. Providing grants to expand redemption capacity in
- 25 underserved areas.
- 26 e. Providing grants to nonprofit organizations to engage in
- 27 litter collection in public areas.
- 28 f. Providing reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses
- 29 incurred by members of the committee established in section
- 30 123B.12 in the performance of their duties.
- 31 g. Replenishing the bottle bill cash reserve account when
- 32 necessary.
- 33 Sec. 41. NEW SECTION. 123B.12 Bottle bill advisory
- 34 committee.
- 35 l. The division shall establish a bottle bill advisory

- 1 committee. The division shall determine by rule how many
- 2 members shall serve on the committee and the length of terms
- 3 for the members. The committee shall include at least one
- 4 member involved in the manufacturing of beverages, one member
- 5 involved in the distribution of beverage containers, one
- 6 member involved in the sale of beverage containers, one member
- 7 involved in the redemption of beverage containers, one member
- 8 involved in the recycling of beverage containers, and one
- 9 member representing consumer interests.
- 10 2. The members of the committee shall be reimbursed for
- 11 actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
- 12 their duties. Expenses shall be paid by the division from the
- 13 bottle bill deposit fund created in section 123B.11.
- 14 3. The committee shall meet at least once each year to
- 15 review the status of the beverage containers control law
- 16 as provided in this chapter. The committee shall submit
- 17 any recommended changes to the division and to the general
- 18 assembly.
- 19 Sec. 42. NEW SECTION. 123B.13 Auditing.
- 20 The auditor of state may establish rules to allow for
- 21 periodic auditing of entities receiving moneys under section
- 22 123B.11, subsection 4.
- 23 Sec. 43. NEW SECTION. 455D.9B Disposal of beverage
- 24 containers at sanitary landfill prohibited.
- 25 The final disposal of beverage containers, as defined in
- 26 section 123B.1, including the final disposal of beverage
- 27 containers that used to contain alcoholic liquor as defined in
- 28 section 123.3, subsection 5, by a redemption center, as defined
- 29 in section 123B.1, in a sanitary landfill is prohibited.
- 30 Sec. 44. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act takes
- 31 effect January 1, 2024.>

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