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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to types of beverage containers, refund values
2 for beverage containers, and redemption amounts under the
3 beverage container control law.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 455C.1, subsection 1, Code 1999, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. "Beverage" means wine as defined in section 123.3,
4 subsection 37, alcoholic liquor as defined in section 123.3,
5 subsection 5, beer as defined in section 123.3, subsection 7,
6 mineral water, soda water and similar carbonated soft drinks,
7 wine cooler or drink, tea, potable water, fruit or vegetable
8 juice, fruit or vegetable drinks, and other noncarbonated
9 drinks excluding milk in liquid form and intended for human
10 consumption.

11 Sec. 2. Section 455C.2, Code 1999, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 455C.2 REFUND VALUES.

14 1. A refund value of not less than five ten cents shall be
15 paid by the consumer on each beverage container sold in this
16 state by a dealer for consumption off the premises. Upon
17 return of the empty beverage container upon which a refund
18 value has been paid to the dealer or person operating a
19 redemption center and acceptance of the empty beverage
20 container by the dealer or person operating a redemption
21 center, the dealer or person operating a redemption center
22 shall return the amount of the refund value to the consumer.

23 2. In addition to the refund value provided in subsection
24 1 of this section, a dealer, or person operating a redemption
25 center who redeems empty beverage containers or a dealer agent
26 shall be reimbursed by the distributor required to accept the
27 empty beverage containers an amount which is one-cent two
28 cents per container. A dealer, dealer agent, or person
29 operating a redemption center may compact empty metal beverage
30 containers with the approval of the distributor required to
31 accept the containers.

32 Sec. 3. Section 455C.5, subsection 3, Code 1999, is
33 amended to read as follows:

34 3. The provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of this section
35 do not apply to a refillable glass beverage container which

1 has a brand name permanently marked on it and which has a
2 refund value of not less than five ten cents, to any other
3 refillable beverage container which has a refund value of not
4 less than five ten cents and which is exempted by the director
5 under rules adopted by the commission, or to a beverage
6 container sold aboard a commercial airliner or passenger train
7 for consumption on the premises.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill expands the list of beverage containers which are
10 included under the beverage container control laws in Code
11 chapter 455C. The new beverage containers include wine
12 coolers or drinks, tea, potable water, fruit or vegetable
13 juices, fruit or vegetable drinks, and other noncarbonated
14 drinks excluding milk.

15 The bill increases the refund value of beverage containers
16 from not less than \$.05 per container to not less than \$.10
17 per container. The bill also increases the reimbursement
18 amount received by a dealer or person operating a redemption
19 center who redeems empty beverage containers from \$.01 per
20 container to \$.02 per container.

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