

House File 272 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to beverage container refund value and handling
2 fee amounts.

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

1 Section 1. Section 455C.2, Code 2017, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **455C.2 Refund values.**

4 1. A refund value of not less than ~~five~~ ten cents shall
5 be paid by the consumer on each beverage container sold in
6 this state by a dealer for consumption off the premises.
7 Upon return of the empty beverage container upon which a
8 refund value has been paid to the dealer or person operating
9 a redemption center and acceptance of the empty beverage
10 container by the dealer or person operating a redemption
11 center, the dealer or person operating a redemption center
12 shall return the amount of the refund value to the consumer.

13 2. In addition to the refund value provided in subsection
14 ~~1 of this section~~, a dealer, or person operating a redemption
15 center who redeems empty beverage containers or a dealer agent
16 shall be reimbursed by the distributor required to accept
17 the empty beverage containers an amount which is ~~one cent~~
18 three cents per container. A dealer, dealer agent, or person
19 operating a redemption center may compact empty metal beverage
20 containers with the approval of the distributor required to
21 accept the containers.

22 Sec. 2. Section 455C.5, subsection 3, Code 2017, is amended
23 to read as follows:

24 3. The provisions of ~~subsections 1 and 2 of this section~~ do
25 not apply to a refillable glass beverage container which has
26 a brand name permanently marked on it and which has a refund
27 value of not less than ~~five~~ ten cents, to any other refillable
28 beverage container which has a refund value of not less than
29 ~~five~~ ten cents and which is exempted by the director under
30 rules adopted by the commission, or to a beverage container
31 sold aboard a commercial airliner or passenger train for
32 consumption on the premises.

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EXPLANATION

34 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
35 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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1 This bill increases the refund value paid by and returned
2 to consumers for beverage containers from 5 cents to 10 cents.
3 The bill modifies corresponding language regarding the refund
4 value printed on certain beverage containers.

5 The bill also increases the reimbursement amount received by
6 a dealer or person operating a redemption center who redeems
7 empty beverage containers from 1 cent per container to 3 cents
8 per container. The reimbursement amount, commonly referred
9 to as a handling fee, is paid by the distributor who collects
10 the beverage containers from the dealer or person operating a
11 redemption center.