

**AN ACT UPDATING THE BOTTLE BILL. House: HD263 Senate: SD00045**

Sponsored by Representative Alice Wolf 2011

SECTION 1. Section 321 of chapter 94 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words "carbonated soft drinks", in line 4, the following words:-

"noncarbonated beverages including mineral water, flavored and unflavored water, vitamin water, and other water beverages, tea, sports drinks, isotonic drinks; and all other non-alcoholic carbonated and noncarbonated drinks in liquid form intended for human consumption, except milk and beverages that are primarily derived from dairy products, infant formula, and FDA-approved medicines."

SECTION 2 - Paragraph 3 of said section 321 of said chapter 94, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

This definition shall not include containers made of paper-based biodegradable material and aseptic multi-material packaging.

SECTION 3. Said section 321 of said chapter 94, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of "Plastic bottle" the following definition:-

"Redemption center", any business whose primary purpose is the redemption of beverage containers and is not ancillary to any other business,

SECTION 4. Said section 321 of said chapter 94, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of "Reusable beverage container" the following definition:-

"Small dealer", any person or business, including any operator of a vending machine, who engages in the sale of beverages in beverage containers to consumers in the commonwealth, whose operating premises are less than 4000 square feet.

SECTION 5. Section 323 of said chapter 94, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting before the first sentence of paragraph (e) the following sentence:-

The executive office of environmental affairs shall promulgate rules and regulations for the licensure of redemption centers, and may set fees for the licensing of such redemption centers.

SECTION 6. Paragraph (c) of said section 323 of said chapter 94 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words "one cent" and inserting in place thereof the words "three and one quarter cents" and by adding the following sentence:-

The handling fee shall be reviewed semi-annually by the secretary of the executive office of energy and environmental affairs and adjustments made to reflect increases in costs incurred by redemption facilities.

SECTION 7. Paragraph (d) of said section 323 of said chapter 94, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words "one cent" and inserting in place thereof the words "three and one quarter cents" and by adding the following sentence:-

The handling fee shall be reviewed semi-annually by the secretary of the executive office of energy and environmental affairs and adjustments made to reflect increases in costs incurred by redemption facilities.

SECTION 8. Said section 323 of said chapter 94, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "civil", in line 73, the words "or administrative".

SECTION 9. Said chapter 94 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 323E the following section:-

Section 323F. (a) There shall be established on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Clean Environment Fund. Amounts to be deposited in said Fund shall be used, subject to appropriation, solely for programs and projects supporting the proper management of solid waste, water resource protection, parkland, urban forestry, air quality and climate protection; provided, however, that no funds shall be used for costs associated with incineration.

(b) Not less than fifty percent of amounts deposited in the Fund shall be used for recycling, composting and solid waste source reduction projects and programs.

(c) Not less than an additional twenty percent of amounts deposited in the Fund shall be used for recycling and other solid waste projects and programs.

(d) Not more than thirty percent of amounts deposited in the fund shall be used for other environmental programs consistent with the purposes of the "bottle bill", so-called.

SECTION 10: Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of the executive office of energy and environmental affairs shall, on or before January 1, 2012, promulgate regulations providing small dealers as defined herein with the ability to seek exemptions from accepting empty deposit containers. Said regulations shall consider at least the health and safety of the public; the convenience for the public, including standards governing distribution of centers by population or by distance or both, the size and storage capacity of the dealer(s) to be served by the redemption center and the size and storage capacity of the redemption center. The order approving a local redemption center license must state the dealers to be served and the kinds, sizes and brand names of empty beverage containers that the center accepts.

SECTION 11. Section 327 of said chapter 94 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraphs:—

The department of environmental protection may enforce the provisions of section 321; paragraphs (a) through (f), inclusive, of section 322; paragraph (i) of section 323; section 323A; section 323F; section 324 and section 325. Any bottler, distributor, redemption center, or dealer who violates any of the foregoing provisions shall be subject to an administrative penalty for each violation of not more than \$1,000.

The department of revenue may enforce the provisions of paragraphs (g) and (h) of section 323 and sections 323B to 323E, inclusive. Any bottler, distributor, redemption center, or dealer who violates any of the foregoing provisions shall be subject to an administrative penalty for each violation of not more than \$1,000.

SECTION 12. Said section 327 of said chapter 94 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "civil", in line 14, the words "or administrative".

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect on December 1, 2012.