



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1037**

January Session, 2021



**AN ACT CONCERNING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-243 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

3 For purposes of sections 22a-243 to 22a-245c, inclusive, as amended  
4 by this act:

5 (1) "Carbonated beverage" means beer or other malt beverages, hard  
6 seltzer, hard cider and mineral waters, soda water and similar  
7 carbonated soft drinks in liquid form and intended for human  
8 consumption;

9 (2) "Noncarbonated beverage" means any noncarbonated liquid  
10 intended for human consumption, including, but not limited to, water,  
11 including flavored water, plant water, nutritionally enhanced water,  
12 juice, juice drink, tea, coffee, kombucha, plant infused drink, spirit or  
13 liquor, sports drink or energy drink and any beverage that is identified  
14 through the use of letters, words or symbols on such beverage's product  
15 label as a type of water, juice, tea, coffee, kombucha, plant infused drink,  
16 spirit or liquor, sports drink, energy drink or liquid intended for human  
17 consumption but excluding [juice and] mineral water. "Noncarbonated  
18 beverage" does not include any: (A) Drug regulated under the Federal

19 Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, (B) infant formula, (C) dairy beverage, or  
20 (D) meal replacement liquid;

21 (3) "Beverage container" means the individual, separate, sealed glass,  
22 metal or plastic bottle, can, jar or carton containing [a carbonated or  
23 noncarbonated beverage, but does not include a bottle, can, jar or carton  
24 (A)] three liters or [more in size if containing a noncarbonated] less of a  
25 carbonated beverage, [or (B) made of high-density polyethylene] two  
26 and one-half liters or less of a noncarbonated beverage except for a spirit  
27 or liquor, or fifty milliliters or less of a spirit or liquor;

28 (4) "Consumer" means every person who purchases a beverage in a  
29 beverage container for use or consumption;

30 (5) "Dealer" means every person who engages in the sale of beverages  
31 in beverage containers to a consumer;

32 (6) "Distributor" means every person who engages in the sale of  
33 beverages in beverage containers to a dealer in this state including any  
34 manufacturer who engages in such sale and includes a dealer who  
35 engages in the sale of beverages in beverage containers on which no  
36 deposit has been collected prior to retail sale;

37 (7) "Manufacturer" means every person bottling, canning or  
38 otherwise filling beverage containers for sale to distributors or dealers  
39 or, in the case of private label brands, the owner of the private label  
40 trademark;

41 (8) "Place of business of a dealer" means the fixed location at which a  
42 dealer sells or offers for sale beverages in beverage containers to  
43 consumers;

44 (9) "Redemption center" means any facility established to redeem  
45 empty beverage containers from consumers or to collect and sort empty  
46 beverage containers from dealers and to prepare such containers for  
47 redemption by the appropriate distributors;

48 (10) "Use or consumption" includes the exercise of any right or power  
49 over a beverage incident to the ownership thereof, other than the sale or  
50 the keeping or retention of a beverage for the purposes of sale;

51 (11) "Nonrefillable beverage container" means a beverage container  
52 which is not designed to be refilled and reused in its original shape;  
53 [and]

54 (12) "Deposit initiator" means the first distributor to collect the  
55 deposit on a beverage container sold to any person within this state; and

56 (13) "Reverse vending machine" means a mechanical device that  
57 accepts used beverage containers from consumers and provides a  
58 means of refunding the refund value for such beverage container to the  
59 user of such device.

60 Sec. 2. Section 22a-244 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
61 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

62 (a) (1) Every beverage container containing a carbonated beverage  
63 sold or offered for sale in this state, except for any such beverage  
64 containers sold or offered for sale for consumption on an interstate  
65 passenger carrier, shall have a refund value. Such refund value shall not  
66 be less than [five] ten cents and shall be a uniform amount throughout  
67 the distribution process in this state. (2) Every beverage container  
68 containing a noncarbonated beverage sold or offered for sale in this state  
69 shall have a refund value, except for beverage containers containing a  
70 noncarbonated beverage that are (A) sold or offered for sale for  
71 consumption on an interstate passenger carrier, or (B) that comprise any  
72 dealer's existing inventory as of March 31, 2009. Such refund value shall  
73 not be less than [five] ten cents and shall be a uniform amount  
74 throughout the distribution process in this state.

75 (b) Every beverage container sold or offered for sale in this state, that  
76 has a refund value pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, shall clearly  
77 indicate by embossing or by a stamp or by a label or other method  
78 securely affixed to the beverage container (1) either the refund value of

79 the container or the words "return for deposit" or "return for refund" or  
80 other words as approved by the Department of Energy and  
81 Environmental Protection, and (2) either the word "Connecticut" or the  
82 abbreviation "Ct.", provided this subdivision shall not apply to glass  
83 beverage containers permanently marked or embossed with a brand  
84 name.

85 (c) No person shall sell or offer for sale in this state any metal  
86 beverage container (1) a part of which is designed to be detached in  
87 order to open such container, or (2) that is connected to another  
88 beverage container by a device constructed of a material which does not  
89 decompose by photodegradation, chemical degradation or  
90 biodegradation within a reasonable time after exposure to the elements.

91 (d) On and after January 1, 2022, each beverage container sold or  
92 offered for sale in this state that has a refund value pursuant to  
93 subsection (a) of this section, shall include a Universal Product Code  
94 and barcode. Each deposit initiator shall provide such Universal  
95 Product Code and barcode, with packaging information, to the reverse  
96 vending machine system administrators and other system operators,  
97 not less than thirty days prior to placement of any such beverage  
98 container on the market.

99 Sec. 3. Section 22a-245 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
100 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

101 (a) No person shall establish a redemption center without registering  
102 with the commissioner on a form provided by the commissioner with  
103 such information as the commissioner deems necessary including (1) the  
104 name of the business principals of the redemption center and the  
105 address of the business; (2) the name and address of the sponsors and  
106 dealers to be served by the redemption center; (3) the types of beverage  
107 containers to be accepted; (4) the hours of operation; and (5) whether  
108 beverage containers will be accepted from consumers. The operator of  
109 the redemption center shall report any change in procedure to the  
110 commissioner within forty-eight hours of such change. Any person

111 establishing a redemption center shall have the right to determine what  
112 kind, size and brand of beverage container shall be accepted. Any  
113 redemption center may be established to serve all persons or to serve  
114 certain specified dealers.

115 (b) A dealer shall not refuse to accept at such dealer's place of  
116 business, from any person any empty beverage containers of the kind,  
117 size and brand sold by the dealer, or refuse to pay to such person the  
118 refund value of a beverage container unless (1) such container contains  
119 materials which are foreign to the normal contents of the container; (2)  
120 such container is not labeled in accordance with subsection (b) of section  
121 22a-244, as amended by this act; (3) such dealer sponsors, solely or with  
122 others, a redemption center which is located within a one-mile radius of  
123 such place of business and which accepts beverage containers of the  
124 kind, size and brand sold by such dealer at such place of business; or (4)  
125 there is established by others, a redemption center which is located  
126 within a one-mile radius of such place of business and which accepts  
127 beverage containers of the kind, size and brand sold by such dealer at  
128 such place of business. A dealer shall redeem an empty container of a  
129 kind, size or brand the sale of which has been discontinued by such  
130 dealer for not less than sixty days after the last sale by the dealer of such  
131 kind, size or brand of beverage container. Sixty days before such date,  
132 the dealer shall post, at the point of sale, notice of the last date on which  
133 the discontinued kind, size or brand of beverage container shall be  
134 redeemed.

135 (c) A distributor shall not refuse to accept from a dealer or from an  
136 operator of a redemption center, located and operated exclusively  
137 within the territory of the distributor or whose operator certifies to the  
138 distributor that redeemed containers were from a dealer located within  
139 such territory, any empty beverage containers of the kind, size and  
140 brand sold by the distributor, or refuse to pay to such dealer or  
141 redemption center operator the refund value of a beverage container  
142 unless such container contains materials which are foreign to the normal  
143 contents of the container or unless such container is not labeled in

144 accordance with subsection (b) of section 22a-244, as amended by this  
145 act. A distributor shall remove any empty beverage container from the  
146 premises of a dealer serviced by the distributor or from the premises of  
147 a redemption center sponsored by dealers serviced by the distributor,  
148 provided such premises are located within the territory of the  
149 distributor. The distributor shall pay the refund value to dealers in  
150 accordance with the schedule for payment by the dealer to the  
151 distributor for full beverage containers and shall pay such refund value  
152 to operators of redemption centers not more than twenty days after  
153 receipt of the empty container. For the purposes of this subsection, a  
154 redemption center shall be considered to be sponsored by a dealer if (1)  
155 the dealer refuses to redeem beverage containers and refers consumers  
156 to the redemption center, or (2) there is an agreement between the dealer  
157 and the operator of the redemption center requiring the redemption  
158 center to remove empty beverage containers from the premises of the  
159 dealer. A distributor shall redeem an empty container of a kind, size or  
160 brand of beverage container the sale of which has been discontinued by  
161 the distributor for not less than one hundred fifty days after the last  
162 delivery of such kind, size or brand of beverage container. Not less than  
163 one hundred twenty days before the last date such containers may be  
164 redeemed, the distributor shall notify such dealer who bought the  
165 discontinued kind, size or brand of beverage container that such  
166 distributor shall not redeem an empty beverage container of such kind,  
167 size or brand of beverage containers.

168 (d) In addition to the refund value of a beverage container, a  
169 distributor shall pay to any dealer or operator of a redemption center a  
170 handling fee of at least [one] three and one-half cents for each beverage  
171 container [of beer or other malt beverage and two cents for each  
172 beverage container of mineral waters, soda water and similar  
173 carbonated soft drinks or noncarbonated beverage] returned for  
174 redemption. A distributor shall not be required to pay to a manufacturer  
175 the refund value of a nonrefillable beverage container.

176 (e) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall

177 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
178 implement the provisions of sections 22a-243 to 22a-245, inclusive, as  
179 amended by this act. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited  
180 to, provisions for the redemption of beverage containers dispensed  
181 through automatic reverse vending machines, the use of vending  
182 machines that [dispense cash to] reimburse consumers for the  
183 redemption value of beverage containers, scheduling for redemption by  
184 dealers and distributors and for exemptions or modifications to the  
185 labeling requirement of section 22a-244, as amended by this act.

186 (f) For the purposes of this section, "refund value" means the refund  
187 value established by subsection (a) of section 22a-244, as amended by  
188 this act.

189 Sec. 4. Section 22a-245a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
190 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

191 (a) Each deposit initiator shall open a special interest-bearing account  
192 at a Connecticut branch of a financial institution, as defined in section  
193 45a-557a, to the credit of the deposit initiator. Each deposit initiator shall  
194 deposit in such account an amount equal to the refund value established  
195 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 22a-244, as amended by this act, for  
196 each beverage container sold by such deposit initiator. Such deposit  
197 shall be made not more than one month after the date such beverage  
198 container is sold, provided for any beverage container sold during the  
199 period from December 1, 2008, to December 31, 2008, inclusive, such  
200 deposit shall be made not later than January 5, 2009. All interest,  
201 dividends and returns earned on the special account shall be paid  
202 directly into such account. Such moneys shall be kept separate and apart  
203 from all other moneys in the possession of the deposit initiator. The  
204 amount required to be deposited pursuant to this section, when  
205 deposited, shall be held to be a special fund in trust for the state.

206 (b) (1) Any reimbursement of the refund value for a redeemed  
207 beverage container shall be paid from the deposit initiator's special  
208 account, with such payment to be computed, subject to the provisions

209 of subdivision (2) of this subsection, under the cash receipts and  
210 disbursements method of accounting, as described in Section 446(c)(1)  
211 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding  
212 Internal Revenue Code of the United States, as amended from time to  
213 time.

214 (2) A deposit initiator may petition the Commissioner of Revenue  
215 Services for an alternate method of accounting by filing with such  
216 deposit initiator's return a statement of objections and other proposed  
217 alternate method of accounting, as such deposit initiator believes proper  
218 and equitable under the circumstances, that is accompanied by  
219 supporting details and proof. The Commissioner of Revenue Services  
220 shall promptly notify such deposit initiator whether the proposed  
221 alternate method is accepted as reasonable and equitable and, if so  
222 accepted, shall adjust such deposit initiator's return and payment of  
223 reimbursement accordingly.

224 (c) (1) Each deposit initiator shall submit a report on March 15, 2009,  
225 for the period from December 1, 2008, to February 28, 2009, inclusive.  
226 Each deposit initiator shall submit a report on July 31, 2009, for the  
227 period from March 1, 2009, to June 30, 2009, inclusive, and thereafter  
228 shall submit a quarterly report for the immediately preceding calendar  
229 quarter one month after the close of such quarter. Each such report shall  
230 be submitted to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
231 Protection, on a form prescribed by the commissioner and with such  
232 information as the commissioner deems necessary, including, but not  
233 limited to: (A) The balance in the special account at the beginning of the  
234 quarter for which the report is prepared; (B) a list of all deposits credited  
235 to such account during such quarter, including all refund values paid to  
236 the deposit initiator and all interest, dividends or returns received on  
237 the account; (C) a list of all withdrawals from such account during such  
238 quarter, all service charges and overdraft charges on the account and all  
239 payments made pursuant to subsection (d) of this section; and (D) the  
240 balance in the account at the close of the quarter for which the report is  
241 prepared.



242 (2) Each deposit initiator shall submit a report on October 31, 2010,  
243 for the calendar quarter beginning July 1, 2010. Subsequently, each  
244 deposit initiator shall submit a quarterly report for the immediately  
245 preceding calendar quarter, on or before the last day of the month next  
246 succeeding the close of such quarter. Each such report shall be  
247 submitted to the Commissioner of Revenue Services, on a form  
248 prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue Services, and with such  
249 information as the Commissioner of Revenue Services deems necessary,  
250 including, but not limited to, the following information: (A) The balance  
251 in the special account at the beginning of the quarter for which the  
252 report is prepared, (B) all deposits credited to such account during such  
253 quarter, including all refund values paid to the deposit initiator and all  
254 interest, dividends or returns received on such account, (C) all  
255 withdrawals from such account during such quarter, including all  
256 service charges and overdraft charges on such account and all payments  
257 made pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, and (D) the balance in  
258 such account at the close of the quarter for which the report is prepared.  
259 Such quarterly report shall be filed electronically with the  
260 Commissioner of Revenue Services, in the manner provided by chapter  
261 228g.

262 (d) (1) On or before April 30, 2009, each deposit initiator shall pay the  
263 balance outstanding in the special account that is attributable to the  
264 period from December 1, 2008, to March 31, 2009, inclusive, to the  
265 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection for deposit in  
266 the General Fund. Thereafter, the balance outstanding in the special  
267 account that is attributable to the immediately preceding calendar  
268 quarter shall be paid by the deposit initiator one month after the close  
269 of such quarter to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
270 Protection for deposit in the General Fund. If the amount of the required  
271 payment pursuant to this subdivision is not paid by the date seven days  
272 after the due date, a penalty of ten per cent of the amount due shall be  
273 added to the amount due. The amount due shall bear interest at the rate  
274 of one and one-half per cent per month or fraction thereof, from the due  
275 date. Any such penalty or interest shall not be paid from funds

276 maintained in the special account.

277 (2) On or before October 31, 2010, each deposit initiator shall pay the  
278 balance outstanding in the special account that is attributable to the  
279 period from July 1, 2010, to September 30, 2010, inclusive, to the  
280 Commissioner of Revenue Services for deposit in the General Fund.  
281 Subsequently, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30,  
282 2023, eighty-two per cent of the balance outstanding in the special  
283 account that is attributable to the immediately preceding calendar  
284 quarter shall be paid by the deposit initiator on or before the last day of  
285 the month next succeeding the close of such quarter to the  
286 Commissioner of Revenue Services for deposit in the General Fund and  
287 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and each subsequent fiscal year  
288 thereafter, eighty per cent of the balance outstanding in the special  
289 account that is attributable to the immediately preceding calendar  
290 quarter shall be paid by the deposit initiator on or before the last day of  
291 the month next succeeding the close of such quarter to the  
292 Commissioner of Revenue Services for deposit in the General Fund. If  
293 the amount of the required payment pursuant to this subdivision is not  
294 paid on or before the due date, a penalty of ten per cent of the amount  
295 due and unpaid, or fifty dollars, whichever is greater, shall be imposed.  
296 The amount due and unpaid shall bear interest at the rate of one per cent  
297 per month or fraction thereof, from the due date. Any such penalty or  
298 interest shall not be paid from funds maintained in such special account.  
299 Such required payment shall be made by electronic funds transfer to the  
300 Commissioner of Revenue Services, in the manner provided by chapter  
301 228g.

302 (e) If moneys deposited in the special account are insufficient to pay  
303 for withdrawals authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section,  
304 the amount of such deficiency shall be subtracted from the next  
305 succeeding payment or payments due pursuant to subsection (d) of this  
306 section until the amount of the deficiency has been subtracted in full.

307 (f) The Commissioner of Revenue Services may examine the accounts  
308 and records of any deposit initiator maintained under this section or

309 sections 22a-243 to 22a-245, inclusive, as amended by this act, and any  
310 related accounts and records, including receipts, disbursements and  
311 such other items as the Commissioner of Revenue Services deems  
312 appropriate.

313 (g) The Attorney General may, independently or upon complaint of  
314 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection or the  
315 Commissioner of Revenue Services, institute any appropriate action or  
316 proceeding to enforce any provision of this section or any regulation  
317 adopted pursuant to section 22a-245, as amended by this act, to  
318 implement the provisions of this section.

319 (h) The provisions of sections 12-548, 12-550 to 12-554, inclusive, and  
320 12-555a shall be deemed to apply to the provisions of this section, except  
321 any provision of sections 12-548, 12-550 to 12-554, inclusive, and 12-555a  
322 that is inconsistent with the provision in this section.

323 (i) Any payment required pursuant to this section shall be treated as  
324 a tax for purposes of sections 12-30b, 12-33a, 12-35a, 12-39g and 12-39h.

325 (j) Not later than July 1, 2010, the Department of Energy and  
326 Environmental Protection or successor agency shall establish a  
327 procedure that allows each such deposit initiator to take a credit against  
328 any payment made pursuant to subsection (d) of this section in the  
329 amount of the deposits refunded on beverage containers which such  
330 deposit initiator donated for any charitable purpose.

331 Sec. 5. Section 22a-245b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
332 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

333 Any manufacturer who bottles and sells: [two] (1) Two hundred fifty  
334 thousand or fewer beverage containers containing a noncarbonated  
335 beverage that are twenty ounces or less in size each calendar year, or (2)  
336 one hundred thousand gallons or less of juice in beverage containers  
337 each calendar year, may apply to the Commissioner of Energy and  
338 Environmental Protection for an exemption from the requirements of  
339 sections 22a-244 to 22a-245a, inclusive, as amended by this act, with

340 regard to such beverage containers containing noncarbonated  
341 beverages or with regard to such one hundred thousand gallons or less  
342 of juice in beverage containers. Such application shall be accompanied  
343 by a sworn affidavit signed by such manufacturer or such  
344 manufacturer's authorized agent certifying such manufacturer bottles  
345 and sells two hundred fifty thousand or fewer of such beverage  
346 containers per calendar year or bottles and sells one hundred thousand  
347 gallons or less of juice in beverage containers per calendar year. Any  
348 such application filed on or before April 1, 2009, shall be deemed  
349 automatically approved and such exemption shall remain valid until  
350 December 31, 2009. Not later than November 1, 2009, and each year  
351 thereafter, each such manufacturer or such manufacturer's authorized  
352 agent may apply to the commissioner for an exemption in accordance  
353 with this section on a form prescribed by the commissioner. The  
354 commissioner shall approve each such application not later than thirty  
355 days after the receipt of the application by the commissioner, provided  
356 the applicant satisfies the requirements of this section.

357       Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Not later than July 1, 2022, the  
358 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall develop  
359 an incentive program to assist municipalities that wish to adopt a unit-  
360 based pricing program for solid waste disposal in such municipality.  
361 The commissioner shall identify funding sources to be utilized in  
362 providing such incentives to municipalities.

363       Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) On and after July 1, 2021, any  
364 dealer, as defined in section 22a-243 of the general statutes, as amended  
365 by this act, whose place of business is part of a chain engaged in the  
366 same general field of business that operates ten or more units in this  
367 state under common ownership and whose business has not less than  
368 ten thousand square feet devoted to the display of merchandise for sale  
369 to the public shall install and maintain not less than two reverse vending  
370 machines, as defined in section 22a-243 of the general statutes, as  
371 amended by this act, at such dealer's place of business.

372       (b) The requirements of subsection (a) of this section to install and

373 maintain reverse vending machines shall not apply to any dealer that:  
374 (1) Sells only beverage containers, as defined in section 22a-243 of the  
375 general statutes, as amended by this act, of twenty ounces or less where  
376 such beverage containers are packaged in quantities fewer than six; (2)  
377 sells beverage containers and devotes no more than five per cent of the  
378 dealer's floor space to the display and sale of consumer products; or (3)  
379 obtains a waiver from the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
380 Protection authorizing dealers to provide consumers with an alternative  
381 technology that: (A) Determines if the beverage container is redeemable,  
382 (B) provides protections against fraud through a system that validates  
383 each beverage container redeemed by reading the universal product  
384 code and, except with respect to refillable containers, renders the  
385 beverage container unredeemable, (C) accumulates information  
386 regarding beverage containers redeemed, and (D) issues legal tender, or  
387 a scrip, receipt or other form of credit for the refund value, that can be  
388 exchanged for legal tender for a period of not less than sixty days  
389 without requiring the purchase of other goods. If such alternative  
390 technology does not allow consumers to immediately obtain the refund  
391 value of the redeemed beverage container, a dealer shall be permitted  
392 to deploy such alternative technology only if such dealer also offers an  
393 alternative that allows consumers to conveniently and immediately  
394 obtain such refund value through a reverse vending machine or other  
395 alternative method.

396 (c) For any dealer exempt from the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
397 section and whose place of business is not less than forty thousand  
398 square feet but does not utilize reverse vending machines to process  
399 empty beverage containers for redemption shall: (1) Establish and  
400 maintain a dedicated area within such business to accept beverage  
401 containers for redemption; (2) adequately staff such area to facilitate  
402 efficient acceptance and processing of such containers during business  
403 hours; and (3) post one or more conspicuous signs at each public  
404 entrance to the business that describes where in the business the  
405 redemption area is located.

406 (d) Any dealer who violates the provisions of this section shall be  
407 fined not more than one thousand dollars, and an additional civil  
408 penalty of not more than one thousand dollars for each day during  
409 which each such violation continues. Any such civil penalty may be  
410 assessed by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection  
411 following a hearing held in accordance with chapter 54 of the general  
412 statutes.

413 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Energy and  
414 Environmental Protection shall develop the terms for a memorandum  
415 of agreement that provides, by January 1, 2023, for the in-state  
416 processing of not less than eighty per cent of the wine and liquor  
417 beverage containers sold in this state into furnace-ready cullet or by-  
418 product that is melted or otherwise used in cement, glass or fiberglass  
419 products. In developing such terms, the department shall identify the  
420 requisite parties to such an agreement and engage such parties in  
421 ongoing discussions concerning the establishment of systems and  
422 methods, pursuant to such an agreement, for the cost-effective and  
423 consumer-oriented state-wide collection of such containers that will  
424 yield sufficiently clean and acceptable containers for the owner or  
425 operator of any such facility to be used in producing such cullet or by-  
426 product. Such memorandum of agreement shall include, but not be  
427 limited to, provisions that delineate and assign responsibility among the  
428 parties for: (1) Establishing and implementing such collection systems  
429 and methods, (2) transporting collected containers to any such facility,  
430 (3) properly recycling and managing any containers not accepted by any  
431 such facility, (4) executing any financial obligations among the parties  
432 pursuant to such agreement, (5) recordkeeping of volume, tonnage and  
433 categories of containers processed, annually, pursuant to such  
434 agreement, and (6) auditing costs, efficiencies and benefits of such  
435 agreement. Not later than January 15, 2022, the Commissioner of Energy  
436 and Environmental Protection shall submit a draft of such  
437 memorandum of agreement to the joint standing committee of the  
438 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
439 environment.

440 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Energy and  
 441 Environmental Protection shall develop the programmatic  
 442 specifications for the drafting of a request for information that solicits  
 443 responses from persons, companies and organizations concerning their  
 444 experience, expertise and approaches for the inclusion of such  
 445 programmatic specifications in the operation of a state-wide beverage  
 446 container redemption management program. Such programmatic  
 447 specifications shall include, but not be limited to: (1) Descriptions of the  
 448 existing collection and redemption centers throughout the state that are  
 449 utilized as part of the beverage container redemption management  
 450 program established pursuant to the provisions of chapter 446d of the  
 451 general statutes, (2) disclosure of applicable rates of redemption for said  
 452 beverage container redemption management program, (3) identification  
 453 of said beverage container redemption management program's  
 454 components that yield costs to the state or any participant of said  
 455 program, and (4) analysis of revenues that escheat to the state pursuant  
 456 to said beverage container redemption management program and any  
 457 projected diminishment in the state's use or collection of such revenues  
 458 in the next five fiscal years beginning July 1, 2021. Not later than January  
 459 15, 2022, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection  
 460 shall submit a draft of such programmatic specifications to the joint  
 461 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 462 matters relating to the environment and any recommendations  
 463 concerning such programmatic specifications and request for  
 464 information.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	22a-243
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	22a-244
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	22a-245
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	22a-245a
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	22a-245b
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section

Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*