

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 1037**

LCO No. 6230

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 Section 22a-243 of the general statutes is repealed and the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
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