

HB 2061 -- Recycling of Containers

Sponsor: Holsman

This bill establishes provisions regarding the recycling of containers. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Prohibits the final disposal of beverage containers by dealers, distributors, manufacturers, and redemption center owners in sanitary landfills;
- (2) Requires dealers or redemption centers to pay customers a five-cent refund for the return of beverage containers. Dealers must accept containers of a brand sold by the dealer;
- (3) Requires the distributor of certain beverages to accept the return of beverage containers from dealers and redemption centers and to pay them one cent per returned container. Distributors must accept containers of a brand sold by the distributor. Distributors are not required to pay a manufacturer a deposit or refund on a nonrefillable beverage container;
- (4) Specifies that dealers, redemption centers, and distributors are required to only pay refunds for containers less than one gallon in size;
- (5) Establishes standards for beverage containers that must be picked up by distributors and requires that the pick up occur weekly or at the regular delivery time. If a redemption center is closed, the distributor will not be liable for missing a pick up; and
- (6) Allows any person to open a redemption center for the return of beverage containers subject to rules established by the Department of Natural Resources. Requirements for an application to open a redemption center and for approving or withdrawing approval for a redemption center are specified in the bill.