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National Beverage Producer Responsibility Act of 2003

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]

Party: Independent • State: VT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 14, 2003
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 14, 2003
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Nov 14, 2003
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 14, 2003
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		May 12, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 14, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

National Beverage Producer Responsibility Act of 2003 - Amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require beverage brand owners (manufacturers or importers of beverages sold in containers) to implement effective redemption, transportation, processing, marketing, and reporting systems for the reuse and recycling of their used beverage containers.

Prohibits the sale of a beverage in a beverage container unless a clear refund value statement prominently appears on the container.

Requires each brand owner to submit to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency a recycling management plan subject to the Administrator's approval and a fee to cover administrative costs.

Requires sellers of beverages to collect from each purchaser at the time of sale a deposit no greater than a specified minimum refund value and pay the refund value upon container returns either in cash or in the form of a voucher.

Establishes a redemption rate performance standard and penalties for failure to achieve such rate. Requires arbitration to settle disputes between a brand owner and a return site.

Imposes penalties for violations of this Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 14, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 14, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S14816-14817)
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