

HR 4238

Bottle Recycling Climate Protection Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 15, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Bottle Recycling Climate Protection Act of 2007 - Amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act to prohibit retailers and distributors from selling beverages (water, mineral water, soda water, flavored water, sports drinks, juice, iced tea, wine coolers, beer, or carbonated nonalcoholic beverages) in containers that do not display a statement of a refund value of five cents.

Requires: (1) distributors to collect the refund value for each beverage sold to retailers; and (2) retailers to collect the refund value for each beverage sold to consumers. Requires: (1) retailers to pay the refund on returned unbroken containers of brands sold for up to a specified number of containers per day based on the square footage of the retailer's space (excluding any container contaminated by a hazardous waste); and (2) distributors to pay the refund on returned containers of brands sold, plus at least three cents per container for handling costs.

Directs distributors to pay to a state, annually, unclaimed refund amounts, which shall be available to the state for programs designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Prohibits distributors and retailers from disposing of containers subject to this Act or any metal, glass, or plastic from such containers (other than the top or seal) in landfills or solid waste disposal facilities.

Exempts states that have implemented laws requiring beverage container deposits or that have demonstrated achievement of specified recycling or reuse rates for beverage containers.

Prohibits states or political subdivisions that impose taxes on the sale of beverage containers from imposing any tax on the amount attributable to the refund value of such containers.

Provides for the adjustment for inflation of the refund amounts at ten-year intervals.

Prescribes civil penalties for violations of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 15, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 15, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2452-2453)
- **Nov 15, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Nov 15, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.