

NEW CONTAINER DEPOSIT-REFUND LAWS INTRODUCED IN 2019

State	Name	Dates	Beverages Covered	Containers Covered	Amount of Deposit	Handling Fee	Other Fees	Scrap Revenue	Reclamation System	Unredeemed Deposits	Other
CO	A Bill for An Act concerning the recycling of beverage containers, and, in connection therewith, establishing a refund value on each beverage container sold in the state	Draft posted 10/2/2019. Under review by Zero Waste and Recycling Interim Study Committee.	Carbonated soft drinks, water and flavored water, malt liquors and fermented malt beverages, and sports drinks and energy drinks.	Any individual, sealed glass, metal, or plastic bottle or can of less than or equal to three liters. Excludes cartons, foil pouches, and drink boxes.	10 cents initially. After 2026, if redemption rate falls below 70% for 2 consecutive years, deposit increases to 15 cents.	None	None	Retained by distributors	Allows 1 or more redemption centers in all cities of fewer than 300,000 people. Up to 2 convenience zones are required per redemption center, with radii of 2 and 3.5 miles from the redemption center, respectively. Provisions for drop-off service, and RVMS.	Retained by distributors	Allows for the establishment of distributor cooperatives serving a majority of dealers in the state. Requires annual reporting of sales and refunds by material. Has provision that allows the law to be repealed after Sept. 1, 2030, subject to "sunset review" by regulatory agencies.
FL	Florida Beverage Container Deposit Act	Filed 2/15/2019. In subcommittee	Beer, mixed spirits, wine, tea and coffee drinks, soda, carbonated and noncarbonated water, and all nonalcoholic drinks in liquid form	PET, HDPE, aluminum, glass, steel, and bimetal in sizes of at least 6 fluid ounces but no more than 1 gallon	20 cents for 6-24 fl oz, 30 cents for 25 fl oz to 1 gallon	at least 20 percent of the deposit returned to the consumer, must be paid by distributors		Retained by redemption centers	Redemption centers, RVMS, dealers if there is no redemption center within a 1 mile radius of redemption center	??	No state fund. Authorizes DEP to conduct certain audits. Requires certain notice & provides civil penalties. Prohibits local governments from imposing fees for same or similar purpose
IL	Illinois Container Fee and Deposit Act	Filed 2/14/2019. In committee	Wine, liquor, beer, coffee, soda, juice. Does not include snap top containers	Glass, plastic, aluminum, other metal bottle, jar, or carton. Excludes refillables	5 cents	2 cents per container paid by distributor	Deposit paid into state fund by distributors	Retained by redemption centers	dealer or redemption center, RVMS	75% to the Agency for environmental and conservation-related programs, and 25% to each distributor in proportion	Provides that persons violating the Act shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor. Prohibits the manufacture of certain plastic metal beverage containers. Prohibits the disposal of beverage containers at sanitary landfills.
NJ	Smart Container Act	Active due to carryover	Carbonated and noncarbonated drinks excluding milk, alcoholic beverages and nutritional supplements	Glass, plastic, aluminum, and other metal bottle, jar, or carton. Excludes refillables	10 cents under 24 fl oz, 20 cents above 24 fl oz		Deposit paid into state fund by distributors	Retained by redemption centers	Retailers or redemption centers	75% kept by state for Healthy Schools and Community Lead Abatement Fund, 25% to retailers/redemption centers on a proportionate basis	Retailers could limit the number of empty beverage containers they accept for redemption to 24 containers per visit, per redeemer, per day. Establishes Smart Container Advisory Council, which would serve as a working forum for the exchange of ideas and information and recommendations relating to implementation of the bill. Finally, any person who violates the provisions of the bill would be subject to a fine of up to \$500 per day.
WV	West Virginia Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Control Act	Filed 2/12/2019. In Committee	Soft drinks, soda water, carbonated natural or mineral water, other nonalcoholic carbonated drinks, beer, wine, tea, coffee	Metal, glass, paper, or plastic less than 1 gallon	10 cents	3 cents, paid by state fund	Deposit and 3 cent handling fee paid into state fund from distributors	Retained by redemption centers	Redemption centers	\$1 million kept for program administration. Rest is kept by state for Community Litter Control Fund	
TN	The Department of Environment and Conservation shall conduct a study of the efficacy of establishing a beverage container deposit program. The department shall report its findings no later than January 10, 2020.										
AR	Arkansas Litter Reduction and Deposit Beverage Container Recycling Act	Introduced 2019	Beer, carbonated drinks, water, juices, tea, coffee, energy/sport drinks, smoothies, nutritional supplements (not marketed as meal replacement). Excludes milk, wine, liquor,	Glass, aluminum, steel, other metal, PET, HDPE. No size restriction. Excludes refillables	5 cents	"Overhead allowance" of 1.6 cents paid by fund	Deposit paid into state fund by distributors "Overhead support fee" of 1 cent per container paid by distributors which is used to cover part of overhead allowance	Retained by redemption centers	Redemption centers	Kept by state fund	It would create a state agency to oversee the process and administer revenue collected by the deposit fee. Prohibits local governments from imposing fees for same or similar purpose. Audit of program every other year. Agency establishes "underserved areas", which require a redemption center. Penalties for noncompliance
NV	SB 310	Reprinted 4/23/2019, in committee	Beer, malt beverages, bottled water, mineral water, soda water, tea, energy drinks, flavored water, carbonated and noncarbonated drinks. Does not include milk or wine	Bottle, can, jar, carton made of glass, metal, or plastic. Excludes refillables	N/A	N/A	N/A	Retained by redemption centers	Redemption centers	Stay within fund	Creates Beverage Container Recycling Fund. Dealers pay deposit into fund. Money can only be used for recycling programs and recycling promotion/education. This act only establishes a pilot program for recycling, with deposit amount and program operations be specified by Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources. Also, a city/county can establish a pilot program. By 1/31/2021, Dept must submit a report with details of pilot programs. Beverage containers sold by resort hotel are exempt.
PA	Returnable Beverage Container Act	Referred to Committee of Finance, 4/29/19	Carbonated soft drink, water, tea, sports drink, beer, other malt beverages, isotonic drinks. Does not include milk	Bottle, can, jar, carton made of glass, metal, or plastic. Excludes refillables	5 cents	2 cents, paid by Fund (or handling payment by weight)	Deposit paid into state fund by distributors	Retained by redemption centers	Redemption centers operated by each dealer. Dealer exempt from this if within two miles of independent redemptin center, in a rural area, less than 5,00 sq ft, or exempted by Dept	75% of unredeemed deposits transferred to Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund, remainder kept within Returnable Beverage Container Fund	Distributor must submit monthly inventory reports to Department (semi-annual reports if you manufacture less than 100,000 containers). If a dealer does not have a redemption center, it must have a visible sign showing where the nearest redemption center is. Department must publish annual report of recycling statistics, financial data. No penalties discussed