

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2923**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera***

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An act to improve recycling and litter reduction.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*10th Hampden*

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2923) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera relative to the definition of "beverage" under the bottle law, so-called. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3050 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An act to improve recycling and litter reduction.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Section 321 of chapter 94 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the definition for “beverage” and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following definition:-

4           “Beverage,” soda water or similar carbonated soft drinks; non-carbonated beverages  
5 including mineral water, flavored and unflavored water, spring water, vitamin water, and other  
6 water beverages, tea, coffee, sports drinks, isotonic drinks; beer and other malt beverages; and all  
7 other non-alcoholic carbonated and noncarbonated drinks in liquid form intended for human  
8 consumption except milk and beverages that are primarily derived from dairy products, infant  
9 formula, and FDA-approved medicines.