

SENATE No. 1693

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Karen E. Spilka

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 relative to reusable beverage containers..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Karen E. Spilka</i>	
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Spilka, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1693) of Karen E. Spilka, Chris Walsh and Tom Sannicandro for legislation relative to reusable beverage containers . Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1535 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to reusable beverage containers..

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 1. Section 323 of chapter 94 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 36, the words “one cent” and
3 inserting in place thereof the following:- “3 ¼ cents”.

4 SECTION 2. Subsection (e) of said section 323 of said chapter 94, as so
5 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following sentence:- “The
6 commissioner shall review the handling fee every 5 years and may make changes based on the
7 consumer price index.”

8 SECTION 3. Said section 323 of said chapter 94, as so appearing, is hereby
9 amended by inserting at the end thereof the following 2 subsections:-

10 (J) Any distributor may opt out of the obligation to accept returns upon the
11 permission of the commissioner; provided however, that the dealer's facility shall be less than
12 5,000 square feet to be eligible for this exemption.

13 (K) Distributors shall pick up containers from redemption centers and dealers
14 free of charge.