

SENATE No. 1614

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stanley C. Rosenberg, (BY REQUEST)

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 the redemption of beverage containers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael F. Ruggeri

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Mr. Rosenberg (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1614) of Michael F. Ruggeri for legislation relative to the redemption of beverage containers. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1691 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the redemption of 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 is hereby
2 amended by striking out subsection (c) in its entirety and replacing it with the following:- (c)
3 Except as provided in paragraph (f), a distributor must accept from any licensed or registered
4 redemption center any empty beverage container of the type, size, and brand sold by the
5 distributor within the past sixty days and must pay the redemption center the refund value of the
6 beverage container plus a handling fee of at least 3.75 cents per container; said handling fee shall
7 be reviewed annually by the appropriate agency which oversees the Bottle Bill law and shall be
8 adjusted accordingly with the consumer price index.