

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1614**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Stanley C. Rosenberg, (BY REQUEST)***

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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 relative to the redemption of beverage containers.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael F. Ruggeri*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*126 Deerfield St. Greenfield, MA 01301*

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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.

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

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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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.