

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY

BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO. H.3573

TITLE: An Act relative to containers, litter, ecology and nips (CLEAN Act)

SPONSOR: Representative Kenneth P. Sweezey

COMMITTEE: Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

HEARING DATE: June 18, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: 2023-2024: H.3684 (filed by Rep. Cutler) heard by committee; accompanied a study order, see H4778.
2021-2022: H.3284 heard by committee; no further action taken.

CURRENT LAW:

Chapter 94 of the General Laws pertains to the inspection and sale of food, drugs, and various articles.

SUMMARY:

Section 1 amends the definitions of “beverage” and “beverage container” to include alcoholic beverages sold in a miniature.

Section 2 creates a definition for “miniature,” defining it as any sealable bottle, can, jar, or carton which is primarily composed of glass, metal, plastic or any combination of those materials that has a capacity of not more than 100 ml and is produced for the purpose of containing an alcoholic beverage.

Sections 3 through 5 increase the handling fee from one cent to three cents per container.

Section 6 prohibits local ordinances or by-laws that prohibit the sale of miniatures. If such an ordinance or by-law existed before the passage of this law, it may remain in effect.