JOINT COMMITTEE ON CANNABIS POLICY 2025-2026 (194th) BILL SUMMARY

Bill Number: H.3982

Title: An Act relative to recycling cannabis infused beverages

Sponsor(s): Rep. David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf (Worcester)

Hearing Date: July 22, 2025

Reporting Deadline: September 20, 2025

Prior History: None

Similar Matters: None

CURRENT LAW:

Section 322 of Chapter 94 of the Massachusetts General Laws requires that every container for soda water or similar carbonated soft drinks, mineral water, and beer and other malt beverages have a refund value of at least five cents.

SUMMARY:

This bill would amend Sections 321 and 323 of Chapter 94 to add cannabis-infused beverages to the beverages whose containers must have a refund value of at least five cents, but distributors would be exempt from paying a handling fee for cannabis infused beverages.