



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 7296***

LCO No. 5224



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECYCLING OF GLASS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Energy  
2       and Environmental Protection shall develop a plan for the  
3       implementation of best practices for the recycling of glass in the state  
4       in order to achieve a best-in-the-nation rate of recycling for such glass  
5       and the production of a recycled glass waste stream with the highest  
6       level of commercial value. Such plan shall be developed not later than  
7       October 1, 2020, and provide for implementation of such plan not later  
8       than July 1, 2022. Not later than December 1, 2020, the Commissioner  
9       of Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit  
10       recommendations for any requisite legislative proposals for the  
11       implementation of such plan to the joint standing committee of the  
12       General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
13       environment. In developing such plan, the department shall review,  
14       but not be limited to, the glass collection and recycling systems  
15       implemented in the countries of Belgium, Finland, Sweden, Austria  
16       and Slovenia.

17 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On and after July 1, 2022,  
 18 any beverage container, as defined in section 22a-243 of the general  
 19 statutes, that is manufactured from glass and sold, offered for sale or  
 20 distributed in this state shall contain not less than twenty per cent  
 21 post-consumer glass content.

22 (b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in  
 23 consultation with the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, may  
 24 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of  
 25 the general statutes, to implement the provisions of subsection (a) of  
 26 this section. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited to, (1)  
 27 requirements for certifications from any manufacturer of such glass  
 28 beverage containers concerning compliance with such requirement, (2)  
 29 schedules for periodic manufacturer-funded inspections and tests of  
 30 such beverage containers sold in the state for purposes of compliance  
 31 with such requirement, (3) penalties for failure to comply with the  
 32 provisions of this section and the provisions of such regulations, and  
 33 (4) incentives and recognition programs, including, but not limited to,  
 34 department coordinated Internet and social media-based consumer  
 35 awareness campaigns for manufacturers who exceed the post-  
 36 consumer glass content requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

37 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any  
 38 municipality from enacting an ordinance requiring a post-consumer  
 39 glass content for such glass beverage containers that is greater than the  
 40 requirement established in subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the development of a plan that will implement best practices for the recycling of glass in the state and to require certain glass beverage containers sold in the state to have a minimum post-

consumer glass content in order to help foster a market for recycled glass.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*