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H.259

Introduced by Representative Rosenquist of Georgia

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and development; beverage container redemption;
definition of beverage

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to expand the scope of the beverage container deposit-redemption system to include alcoholic cider, alcoholic seltzer, and containers for all noncarbonated and carbonated drinks, except for noncarbonated water, milk, rice milk, soy milk, almond milk, hemp seed milk, and dairy products.

An act relating to the beverage container redemption system

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 1521 is amended to read:

§ 1521. DEFINITIONS

~~For the purpose of~~ As used in this chapter:

(1) “Beverage” means beer or other malt beverages ~~and~~, mineral waters, mixed wine ~~drink~~ drinks, alcoholic cider, alcoholic seltzer, iced tea, soda water and, carbonated and noncarbonated soft drinks, and all other nonalcoholic carbonated and noncarbonated drinks in liquid form and intended for human

1 consumption, except for noncarbonated water, milk, rice milk, soy milk,
2 almond milk, hemp seed milk, and dairy products. As of January 1, 1990,
3 “beverage” also ~~shall mean~~ means liquor.

4 (2) “Biodegradable material” means material that is capable of being
5 broken down by bacteria into basic elements.

6 (3) “Container” means the individual, separate, bottle, can, jar, or carton
7 composed of glass, metal, paper, plastic, or any combination of those materials
8 containing a consumer product. This definition ~~shall~~ does not include
9 containers made of biodegradable material.

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11 (9) “Mixed wine drink” means a beverage containing wine and more
12 than 15 percent added plain, carbonated, or sparkling water; and that contains
13 added natural or artificial blended material, such as fruit juices, flavors,
14 flavoring, adjuncts, coloring, or preservatives; that contains not more than
15 16 percent alcohol by volume; or other similar product marketed as a wine
16 cooler.

17 (10) “Liquor” means spirits as defined in 7 V.S.A. § 2.

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2022.