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By House Environment (originally sponsored by Representatives
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1 AN ACT Relating to beverage containers; and amending RCW
2 70.132.020 and 70.132.030.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.132.020 and 1983 c 257 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 ((~~Unless the context clearly requires otherwise,~~) The
7 definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter((+)) unless
8 the context clearly requires otherwise.

9 (1) "Beverage" means beer or other malt beverage ((~~or~~)) l mineral
10 water, soda water, or other drink in liquid form and intended for
11 human consumption. The term does not include milk-based, soy-based,
12 or similar products requiring heat and pressure in the canning
13 process.

14 (2) "Beverage container" means a separate and sealed can
15 containing a beverage.

16 (3) "Department" means the department of ecology created under
17 chapter 43.21A RCW.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.132.030 and 1982 c 113 s 3 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

1 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person may
2 sell or offer to sell at retail in this state any beverage container
3 ~~((se))~~ designed and constructed so that a metal part of the container
4 is detachable in opening the container through use of a metal ring or
5 tab.

6 (2) Nothing in this section prohibits the sale of a beverage
7 container ~~((which))~~ if:

8 (a) The beverage container's only detachable part is a piece of
9 pressure sensitive or metallic tape; or

10 (b) The beverage container contains cider, as defined in RCW
11 66.24.210, or beer and is purposefully designed to be opened by
12 removing the entire lid of the container without leaving sharp edges
13 so that the container is effectively transformed into a drinking cup.

14 (3) Any beverage container described in subsection (2)(b) of this
15 section must contain wording on the outside of the actual container
16 that instructs the consumer as to the proper disposal method of the
17 container's lid.

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