



WMDA/CAR Service Station
and Automotive Repair Association

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Chair: Kumar P. Barve

Members of Environment and Transportation Committee

RE:HB 1089 Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Liter Reduction Program

Position: Unfavorable

This container deposit bill would create an expensive recycling system when counties have an established programs that work.36 pages of confusion, would it not be better to enhance county programs that would far less costly to everyone.

People who don't drive, the elderly all depend on curb side pickup. They are not hauling bags of bottles to stores or feed them into reverse vending machines and in some parking. All night convenience stores would have bags of bottles sitting around drawing bugs and critters of all kinds. Some businesses would not have space to store bags of bottles nor employees to handle transactions, taking bottles and checking one at a time for proof of state code.

Processing bottles this way will be far more costly than curbside pickup and convenience centers. Vending machines, bags of bottles then someone to pick up and truck those to a recycling location?

The cost is not insignificant at 10-15 cents per bottle at retail, 24 bottle case of water would be at a minimum \$2.40 more. That not only adds to inflation, but adds to the misery of shopping and deciding where to spend your money. Bad idea at a tough time.

Please give HB 1089 an Unfavorable report

WMDA/CAR is a trade association that has represented service stations, convenience stores and independent repair shops since 1937. Any questions can be addressed to Kirk McCauley, 301-775-0221 or kmccauley@wmda.ne

