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Committee Assignment: Senate Liberty 2

Bill #:SL-14

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3 **An Act To**

4 Amend § 27-1005 of the Environmental Conservation law to raise the deposit on
5 plastic bottles from 5 cents to 10 cents per bottle.

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7 *The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:*

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9 **Purpose** To promote more people to recycle and reduce the detrimental impact
10 that global warming and pollution have on the earth that we live on.

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12 **Summary of Provisions**

13 **Section 1: Definitions**

14 Beverage container- the individual separate bottle, can, jar, carton, or other
15 receptacle, however denominated, in which a beverage is sold, and which
16 constructed of metal, glass, or plastic, or other material, or any other combination
17 of these materials.

18 Deposit initiator- the first bottler, distributor, dealer or agent to collect the deposit
19 on a beverage container sold in New York State.

20 Refund value- the price at which the issuing company may choose to repurchase a
21 security before its maturity date.

22 Reverse vending machine- device that accepts used (empty) beverage containers
23 and in return gives the user money back.

24 Pollution- presence or introduction of a thing or substance that harms the
25 environment around it.

26 Six pack rings- connected plastic rings that hold beverage containers (usually
27 cans/bottles) together.

28 **Section 2:**

29 § 27-1005. Refund value.

30 No person shall sell or offer for sale a beverage container in this state unless the
31 deposit on such beverage container is or has been collected by a registered deposit
32 initiator and unless such container has a refund value, gross refund due, of not less
33 than five ten cents, which is clearly indicated thereon as provided in section 27-
34 1005 of this title.

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36 **Justification**

37 Today one of the biggest issues we face as a society is the pollution that WE are
38 creating due to neglect and ignorance to the impact we have on our earth. Pollution
39 causes environmental devastations such as global warming, melting of the polar ice
40 caps, and the destruction of the ozone layer. This is destroying our earth and
41 something has to be done, so that is what we are working to do. By passing our bill



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42 more people will be encouraged to recycle and get their money back, with more
43 people recycling then there will be less litter on the streets and in the ocean.

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45 **Fiscal Implications**

46 This bill will increase the cash deposit upon purchase of a plastic bottle from 5 cents
47 to 10 cents. With the use of a reverse vending machine the consumer has an
48 opportunity to obtain 10 cents back from a plastic bottle purchase.

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50 **Enviornmental Implications**

51 Recycling rates will increase, which means land pollution rates will decrease due to
52 less plastic waste in landfills and on the side of the road.

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54 **Effective Date**

55 This bill will go into effect one year after its passage.