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Committee Assignment: Assembly Freedom 2

Bill #:AF-13

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3 **An Act To** Amend New York State Environmental Conservation Law Article 27

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

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7 **Purpose:** Make the incentive to recycle higher in New York which will benefit the citizens by
8 giving them ten cents per bottle or can and eliminate waste in the process.

9 **Summary of Provisions**

10 **Section 1:** Definitions

11 Recycling: to pass again through a series of changes or treatments (Merriam Webster
12 dictionary)

13 Disposable: designed to be used once or only a limited number of times and then thrown away
14 (Merriam Webster dictionary)

15 Recycling: The action or process of converting waste into reusable material and can prevent the
16 waste of potentially useful materials and reduce the consumption of fresh raw materials, thereby
17 reducing: energy usage, air pollution, and water pollution.

18 **Section 2**

19 In the interest of public health, safety and welfare and in order to conserve energy and natural
20 resources, the state of New York, in enacting this section, establishes as its policy that:

21 1. The following are the solid waste management priorities in this state:

22 (a) first, to reduce the amount of solid waste generated;

23 (b) second, to reuse material for the purpose for which it was originally intended or to recycle
24 material that cannot be reused;

25 (c) third, to recover, in an environmentally acceptable manner, energy from solid waste that can
26 not be economically and technically reused or recycled; and

27 (d) fourth, to dispose of solid waste that is not being reused, recycled or from which energy is
28 not being recovered, by land burial or other methods approved by the department.

29 2. State government must make an essential contribution to the development and

30 implementation of environmentally, economically by increasing the incentive to recycle to 10

31 cents per returned bottle, and technically viable solid waste management programs through

32 fulfilling its responsibilities to provide programs which promote waste reduction and the

33 expansion of markets for recovered materials, clearly articulated, responsive and consistently

34 applied regulatory structures, and a full range of technical assistance to local governments. A

35 state-local partnership, in which the basic responsibility for the planning and operation of solid

36 waste management facilities remains with local governments and the state provides necessary

37 guidance and assistance, must be forged.

38 3. This policy, after consideration of economic and technical feasibility, shall guide the solid

39 waste management programs and decisions of the department and other state agencies and

40 authorities.



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41 **Justification:** We are always told about the positive impacts of recycling, but just how
42 significant is it in our world? Non-Recycled products have drastically harmed our safety. This
43 waste has produced pollution that makes our environment toxic to breathe in. However, there is
44 a solution to this widespread problem; recycling. Currently, recycling fails to offer a large enough
45 incentive for many people to partake in recycling. The Empire State pays 5¢ per container.
46 Beverages covered under harmed the statute include beer, malt, wine, carbonated soft drinks,
47 soda water, and water that does not contain sugar. The containers have to be a sealed bottle,
48 can, or jar, less than one gallon, and composed of glass, metal, aluminum, steel or plastic. With
49 this law, we intend to increase the pay to 10 cents to increase the incentive for recycling. This
50 additional money for the incentive will come from a tax that will be placed on companies that
51 sell these products in the first place. This money will be reallocated to everyday people who will
52 now have more of an incentive to recycle and subsequently, help make our world a healthier
53 place.

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55 **Fiscal Implications**

56 \$102 million is made from 5¢ deposits. There were 2 billion unreturned cans in a single year. If
57 we make the amount 10¢, we can lessen the number of unreturned cans.

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59 **Effective Date:**

60 This bill will go into effect one year after passage.

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62 **Environmental Implications**

63 This bill has no environmental implications.

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