



beer and malt beverage, wine cooler, and water containers; and

Whereas, According to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the Bottle Bill has decreased roadside container litter in New York by 70%; and

Whereas, According to the DEC, in 2016 the New York Bottle Bill helped to recycle 5.1 billion beverage containers-weighing more than 336,000 tons of plastic, glass and aluminum-at no cost to local governments; and

Whereas, In 2010, Delaware repealed its bottle bill by creating a plan to replace its bottle deposit program with universal recycling; and

Whereas, On January 13, 2019, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced plans to expand the state Bottle Bill to include a mandatory refundable \$0.05 deposit on beverage containers for sports drinks, energy drinks, fruit and vegetable beverages and ready-to-drink teas and coffee; and

Whereas, Governor Cuomo also announced the DEC will conduct a study, in consultation with industry participants and retailers, on how the Bottle Bill could be further expanded to include wine and liquor bottles; and

Whereas, Governor Cuomo further stated the expansion of the bottle bill will reduce the sorting and financial burdens on local government recycling programs; and

Whereas, The expansion of bottle bills is often resisted by beverage companies, while some recycling businesses also worry they may lose a reliable and profitable material from their recycling stream; and

Whereas, The Bottle Bill is no longer necessary to ensure New Yorkers recycle their bottles and cans; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the New York State Legislature to introduce and pass legislation to end the New York State Returnable Container Act.

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