

SENATE No. 1827

By Mr. Rosenberg (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1827) of Michael Ruggeri for legislation relative to the redemption of beverage containers. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REDEMPTION OF BEVERAGE CONTAINERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 94 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 323C in its entirety and replacing it with the
3 following:—

4 Section 323C. Except as provided in paragraph (f), a distributor
5 must accept from any licensed or registered redemption center any
6 empty beverage container of the type, size, and brand sold by the
7 distributor within the past sixty days and must pay the redemption
8 center the refund value of the beverage container plus a handling
9 fee of at least 3 cents per container; said handling fee shall be
10 reviewed annually by the appropriate agency which oversees the
11 Bottle Bill law and shall be adjusted accordingly with the con-
12 sumer price index.

