

# *Recent Changes to CT's Bottle Bill*

## *Sections 22a – 243 thru 22a – 246 CGS*

- Public Act 08-01 (November 24<sup>th</sup> Special Session)
  - *Changes in §§ 10 – 14, effective November 25, 2008*
- Public Act 09-01 (January 15<sup>th</sup> 2009)
  - *Changes in §§ 15 – 16, effective April 1, 2008*
- Public Act 09-02 (February 25, 2009)
  - *Changes in §§ 17 – 22, effective April 1, 2008*

# Public Act 08-01

## (November 24<sup>th</sup> Special Session)

- Defined “deposit initiator” as:
  - the first distributor to collect the deposit on a beverage container;
- Starting 1/5/09 deposit initiators are required to open a special account and begin depositing the refund value;
- Allowed reimbursement of the refund value out of the account;
- Required reporting to DEP of :
  - Account balance, deposits, and withdrawals
- Treasurer can audit; AG can enforce

# Public Act 09-01

## (January 15<sup>th</sup> 2009)

- Beginning April 30, 2009 depositor initiators must begin turning over the quarterly balance in the accounts (i.e., the unredeemed deposits) to the state
- Allows deficiencies in the accounts to be deducted from next due payment

# Public Act 09-02

## (February 25, 2009)

- Added “non-carbonated beverages” – water, flavored water, or any beverage labeled as a type of water
- Excludes:
  - Juices, containers 3 liters or larger, and containers made of high-density polyethylene - HDPE
  - Beverages consumed on interstate passenger carriers
  - Existing inventories prior to 3/31/09
- Mineral water is covered as a carbonated beverage

# Public Act 09-02

## (cont.)

- Allows for manufacturers that bottle and sell less than 250,000 containers to apply to DEP for an exemption, such exemption must be renewed annually
- Allowed for the Secretary of OPM to delay implementation of the portions of the act related to water upon application and a showing of hardship
- The Secretary subsequently granted a blanket delay until October 1, 2009

# *Implementation*

- Account established and notifications sent in January 2009
- The first Deposit Initiators Quarterly Filing Reports were due March 15, 2009
- Exemption requests were due April 1, 2009
- The first quarterly payment of unredeemed deposits are due April 30, 2009
- All manufacturers, distributors and dealers of noncarbonated beverage containers must be compliance with the bottle bill starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009
- Exemption renewal applications are due November 1, 2009

## *Information and Assistance*

- FAQs and forms are on DEPs website at [http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2714&q=324838&depNav\\_GID=1645](http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2714&q=324838&depNav_GID=1645)
- General questions, compliance and redemption center issues Contact Jackie Pernell-Holiday at (860) 424-3241
- Submit reporting forms and payments to:  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE OFFICE  
79 ELM STREET  
HARTFORD, CT 06106  
860-424-4004

# *Some Early Information*

Twenty-four deposit initiators have reported that for the period between 12/1/08 and 2/28/09

- Deposits were collected on 233.6 million containers
- Deposits were returned on 143.5 million containers
- Overall return rate of 61.4%
- The value of the unredeemed deposits \$4,567,874



# *Some Early Information*

Less than half of those reporting completed an optional attachment collecting recycling information

Container type	# Sold	# Returned	% Returned	Recycle value
Glass	25.4M	17.3M	68.1%	\$13.5K
Plastic	4.3M	3.3M	76.7%	\$21.5K
Aluminum	56.4M	34.3M	60.0%	\$516K