

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. RAMOS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the handling fee paid to a dealer or operator of a redemption center for the redemption of empty beverage containers

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 27-1007 of the environmental  
2 conservation law, as added by section 4 of part SS of chapter 59 of the  
3 laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

4 6. In addition to the refund value of a beverage container as estab-  
5 lished by section 27-1005 of this title, a deposit initiator shall pay  
6 to any dealer or operator of a redemption center a handling fee of three  
7 and one-half cents for each beverage container accepted by the deposit  
8 initiator from such dealer or operator of a redemption center. Beginning  
9 April first, two thousand twenty-four, the handling fee will be six  
10 cents. Payment of the handling fee shall be as compensation for collect-  
11 ing, sorting and packaging of empty beverage containers for transport  
12 back to the deposit initiator or its designee. Payment of the handling  
13 fee may not be conditioned on the purchase of any goods or services, nor  
14 may such payment be made out of the refund value account established  
15 pursuant to section 27-1012 of this title. A distributor who does not  
16 initiate deposits on a type of beverage container is considered a dealer  
17 only for the purpose of receiving a handling fee from a deposit initi-  
18 ator.

19 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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