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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 261)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to refund values for empty beverage containers.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 455C.2, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. A refund value of not less than five cents shall be
4 paid by the consumer on each beverage container sold in this
5 state by a dealer for consumption off the premises. Upon
6 return of the empty beverage container upon which a refund
7 value has been paid to the dealer or person operating a
8 redemption center and acceptance of the empty beverage
9 container by the dealer or person operating a redemption
10 center, the dealer or person operating a redemption center
11 shall ~~return-the-amount-of-the~~ pay a refund value to the
12 consumer in an amount determined by the dealer or person
13 operating a redemption center.

14 Sec. 2. Section 455C.5, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 1. Each beverage container sold or offered for sale in
17 this state by a dealer shall clearly indicate by embossing or
18 by a stamp, label or other method securely affixed to the
19 container, the refund value of the container that must be paid
20 by the consumer. The department shall specify, by rule, the
21 minimum size of the refund value indication on the beverage
22 containers.

23 Sec. 3. Section 455C.6, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 1. To facilitate the return of empty beverage containers
26 and to serve dealers of beverages, any person may establish a
27 redemption center, subject to the approval of the department,
28 at which consumers may return empty beverage containers and
29 receive payment of the refund value of such beverage
30 containers in an amount determined by the person operating the
31 redemption center.

32 Sec. 4. Section 455C.7, Code 2005, is amended to read as
33 follows:

34 455C.7 UNAPPROVED REDEMPTION CENTERS.

35 Any person may establish a redemption center which has not

1 been approved by the department, at which a consumer may
2 return empty beverage containers and receive payment of the
3 refund value of the beverage containers in an amount
4 determined by the person operating the redemption center. The
5 establishment of an unapproved redemption center shall not
6 relieve any dealer from the responsibility of redeeming any
7 empty beverage containers of the kind and brand sold by the
8 dealer.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill relates to refund values for empty beverage
11 containers.

12 The bill allows a dealer or person operating a redemption
13 center to determine the amount of refund value that may be
14 paid to a consumer upon the return of an empty beverage
15 container. The bill provides that beverage containers sold or
16 offered for sale in this state must clearly indicate the
17 refund value of the container that must be paid by the
18 consumer.

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