

Senate Bill 247

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires persons responsible for operation of beverage container redemption centers to annually register with Oregon Liquor Control Commission and pay registration fee. Requires fees collected by commission to be deposited in Bottle Bill Fund.

Establishes Bottle Bill Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to pay costs of commission in carrying out commission's duties under bottle bill provisions.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to beverage containers; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 459A.737.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 459A.737 is amended to read:

5 459A.737. (1) Pursuant to the provisions of ORS 459A.735, the Oregon Liquor Control Commis-
6 sion:

7 (a) Shall approve one beverage container redemption center in a city having a population of less
8 than 300,000, operated by a distributor cooperative serving a majority of the dealers in this state;
9 and

10 (b) May approve one or more additional beverage container redemption centers.

11 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 459A.700 to 459A.740, a beverage container re-
12 demption center:

13 (a) May not refuse to accept and to pay the refund value of up to 350 individual empty beverage
14 containers, as established by ORS 459A.705, returned by any one person during one day;

15 (b) Must provide hand counting of up to 50 individual empty beverage containers returned by
16 any one person during one day for the refund value established by ORS 459A.705;

17 (c) May provide drop off service for at least 125 individual empty beverage containers returned
18 by any one person during one day for the refund value established by ORS 459A.705, and may pro-
19 vide an accounting mechanism by which the person may redeem the refund value of the beverage
20 containers at a later date; and

21 (d) May provide other services as determined necessary by the person responsible for the oper-
22 ation of the beverage container redemption center.

23 **(3)(a) By July 1 of each calendar year, a person responsible for the operation of one or**
24 **more redemption centers shall register with the commission, for a period to cover the up-**
25 **coming year, on a form provided by the commission. The registration shall include:**

26 **(A) A list of each beverage container redemption center that the person is responsible**
27 **for operating during the upcoming year and the address of each redemption center; and**

28 **(B) Any other information required by the commission to process the registration.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(b) Each person responsible for the operation of one or more redemption centers shall**
2 **pay an annual registration fee to the commission. The fee shall be paid at the time of reg-**
3 **istration under paragraph (a) of this subsection. The registration fee shall be \$3,000 for each**
4 **redemption center that the person is responsible for operating.**

5 **(c) Fees collected by the commission under this subsection shall be deposited in the**
6 **Bottle Bill Fund established under section 3 of this 2019 Act.**

7 [(3)] (4) The commission may adopt all rules necessary to implement and administer the pro-
8 visions of this section and ORS 459A.738.

9 **SECTION 2. Section 3 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 459A.700 to**
10 **459A.740.**

11 **SECTION 3. The Bottle Bill Fund is established, separate and distinct from the General**
12 **Fund. Interest earned by the Bottle Bill Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the**
13 **fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and may be**
14 **used to pay the costs of the commission in carrying out the duties of the commission under**
15 **ORS 459A.700 to 459A.740.**

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