



General Assembly

Amendment

February Session, 2026

LCO No. 4410



Offered by:
SEN. LOPES, 6th Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 457

File No. 479

Cal. No. 291

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S BOTTLE BILL."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) Notwithstanding any
4 provision of chapter 446d of the general statutes, no dealer, as defined
5 in section 22a-243 of the general statutes, shall collect or charge a refund
6 value on a beverage container not purchased in this state.

7 (b) Any dealer who wilfully collects or charges a refund value on a
8 beverage container not purchased in this state on the amount of five
9 thousand or more beverage containers in one or more separate
10 transactions during a single calendar year or who directs another person
11 to do so shall have committed a class B misdemeanor.

12 (c) Any dealer who wilfully collects or charges a refund value on a
13 beverage container not purchased in this state on the amount of twenty
14 thousand or more beverage containers in one or more separate
15 transactions during a one-year period or who directs another person to

16 do so shall have committed a class A misdemeanor.

17 (d) Any dealer who wilfully collects or charges a refund value on a
18 beverage container not purchased in this state on the amount of forty
19 thousand or more beverage containers in one or more separate
20 transactions during a one-year period or who directs another person to
21 do so shall have committed a class D felony.

22 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to any common
23 or contract carrier or warehouse worker while engaged in lawfully
24 transporting or storing beverage containers as merchandise, or any
25 employee of such carrier or warehouse worker who acts within the
26 scope of such employee's employment."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section