

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
FEBRUARY 6, 2001

AN ACT

1 Providing for a Statewide referendum on the question of whether  
2 Pennsylvania should have a Returnable Beverage Container Act.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Referendum placed on ballot.

6 The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall cause to be placed on  
7 the ballot, at the primary or general election next following  
8 the effective date of this act, a referendum to determine the  
9 will of the electorate of the Commonwealth with respect to the  
10 passage of a Returnable Beverage Container Act. The referendum  
11 shall be advertised and conducted in accordance with the  
12 provisions of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known  
13 as the Pennsylvania Election Code.

14 Section 2. Form of question.

15 The question shall be in substantially the following form:

16 Shall the General Assembly enact legislation, to be  
17 entitled the Returnable Beverage Container Act, which

1           will place a nominal charge on every nonbiodegradable or  
2           nonphotodegradable beverage container of 16 ounces or  
3           less sold in this Commonwealth, with the charges  
4           collected to be returned to consumers upon return of the  
5           containers to recycling centers, retailers or beverage  
6           manufacturers?

7 Section 3. Effective date.

8       This act shall take effect immediately.