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(House Joint Resolution No. 30)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Beverage Container Task Force

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to appoint a task force to study legislation involving mandatory deposits on beverage containers.

WHEREAS, In the past several sessions of the General Assembly, legislation has been introduced which would require mandatory deposits to be made with respect to the sale of beverages contained in beverage containers; and

WHEREAS, This legislation has also involved the prohibition of the sale of beverages in nonreturnable containers; and

WHEREAS, Before the legislature spends further time considering such legislation, a task force should be appointed to study the general impact of mandatory deposit legislation on the State and report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor of Maryland is requested to appoint, by July 1, 1976, a task force on beverage containers to study the economic, environmental, and other forms of impact of mandatory deposit legislation with respect to the sale of beverages sold in beverage containers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this task force be composed of the following:

(1) One representative of industries engaged in the production of metal beverage containers for beverages;

(2) One representative of industries engaged in producing beverage containers for beverages;

(3) Two representatives of industries engaged in brewing beer or malt beverages. ~~[[One]] Both~~ of these shall represent ~~[[a]] national brewing~~ ~~[[company with]] companies with one of these companies~~ having a brewery in Maryland~~[[. The other shall represent a local brewery whose sales are predominantly in Maryland]]~~;

(4) One representative of industries engaged in bottling and distributing carbonated soft drinks;