

HOUSE BILL 790

IN THE HOUSE

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Introduced and referred to  
Committee on Natural Resources.

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 790  
 2 INTRODUCED BY Senator Kenley Meyer & Union  
 3 Manuel State County C Smith &

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CREATE AN INTERIM  
 5 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PROBLEM OF CONTROLLING  
 6 THE USE, DISPOSAL, AND RECYCLING OF BEVERAGE CONTAINERS FOR  
 7 BEER AND SOFT DRINKS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 Section 1. Beverage container control committee --  
 11 composition and appointments. (1) There is created a  
 12 beverage container control committee as a joint committee of  
 13 the legislature, until adjournment of the 47th Legislature.  
 14 The committee consists of four members of the senate  
 15 business and industry committee, appointed by the chairman  
 16 of that committee, and four members of the house business  
 17 and industry committee, appointed by the chairman of that  
 18 committee. No more than two members from each house may be  
 19 of the same political party.

20 (2) Appointments shall be made before the 90th  
 21 legislative day of the regular session for terms ending on  
 22 the day the next regular session adjourns. A vacancy shall  
 23 be filled as the original appointment was made.

24 Section 2. Chairman -- meetings -- compensation --  
 25 staff. (1) The committee shall elect one of its members as

1 chairman and one of its members as vice-chairman, who shall  
 2 be of different political parties.

3 (2) The committee shall meet as often as necessary,  
 4 upon the call of the chair. Members of the committee shall  
 5 be compensated and reimbursed for attending committee  
 6 meetings, as provided under 5-3-201, from the general  
 7 appropriation for the legislative council.

8 (3) Staff for the committee shall be provided by the  
 9 legislative council. Compensation for the staff shall be  
 10 provided from the general appropriation for the legislative  
 11 council.

12 Section 3. Beverage container control study. The  
 13 committee shall conduct a study of the problems of  
 14 controlling beverage containers for beer and soft drinks.  
 15 The study shall include but is not limited to:

16 (1) an evaluation of various methods for controlling  
 17 beverage containers used in neighboring states, including:

18 (a) Idaho's beverage industry recycling program  
 19 (BIRP);

20 (b) Oregon's beverage container deposit law; and

21 (c) Washington's model litter control program;

22 (2) travel to the states enumerated in subsection (1)  
 23 for the purpose of an on-site review of their programs;

24 (3) a determination of the most cost-effective means  
 25 of encouraging the return for recycling of beverage

1 containers; and  
2 (4) preparation of a report of the committee's  
3 findings to the 47th Legislature.  
4 Section 4. Effective date. This act is effective on  
5 passage and approval.

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