

HOUSE BILL 790

IN THE HOUSE

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Introduced and referred to
Committee on Natural Resources.

House BILL NO. 790

INTRODUCED BY *Senatorial Caucus* *Meyer Ellison*
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CREATE AN INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PROBLEM OF CONTROLLING THE USE, DISPOSAL, AND RECYCLING OF BEVERAGE CONTAINERS FOR BEER AND SOFT DRINKS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) Washington's model litter control program;

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

(3) a determination of the most cost-effective means 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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