

REPORT "A"

L.D. 397

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 139, L.D. 397, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Bottle Redemption and To Establish the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources as the Agent in the State for the Purposes of Bottle Redemption"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Bottle Redemption'

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph A in the 6th line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "2004 and" the following: ', except for reverse vending machines as defined by section 1862, subsection 12-E,'

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph B in the 6th line (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "2004 <u>and</u>" the following: '<u>except for reverse vending</u> machines as defined by section 1862, subsection 12-E,'

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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 (page 1, lines 24 to 36 in L.D.)

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It provides an exception for reverse vending machines from the 1¢ increase of the handling fee for beverage containers proposed in the bill. It also removes the provision of bill that would have established the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources as the agent of the State for purposes of bottle redemption.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT