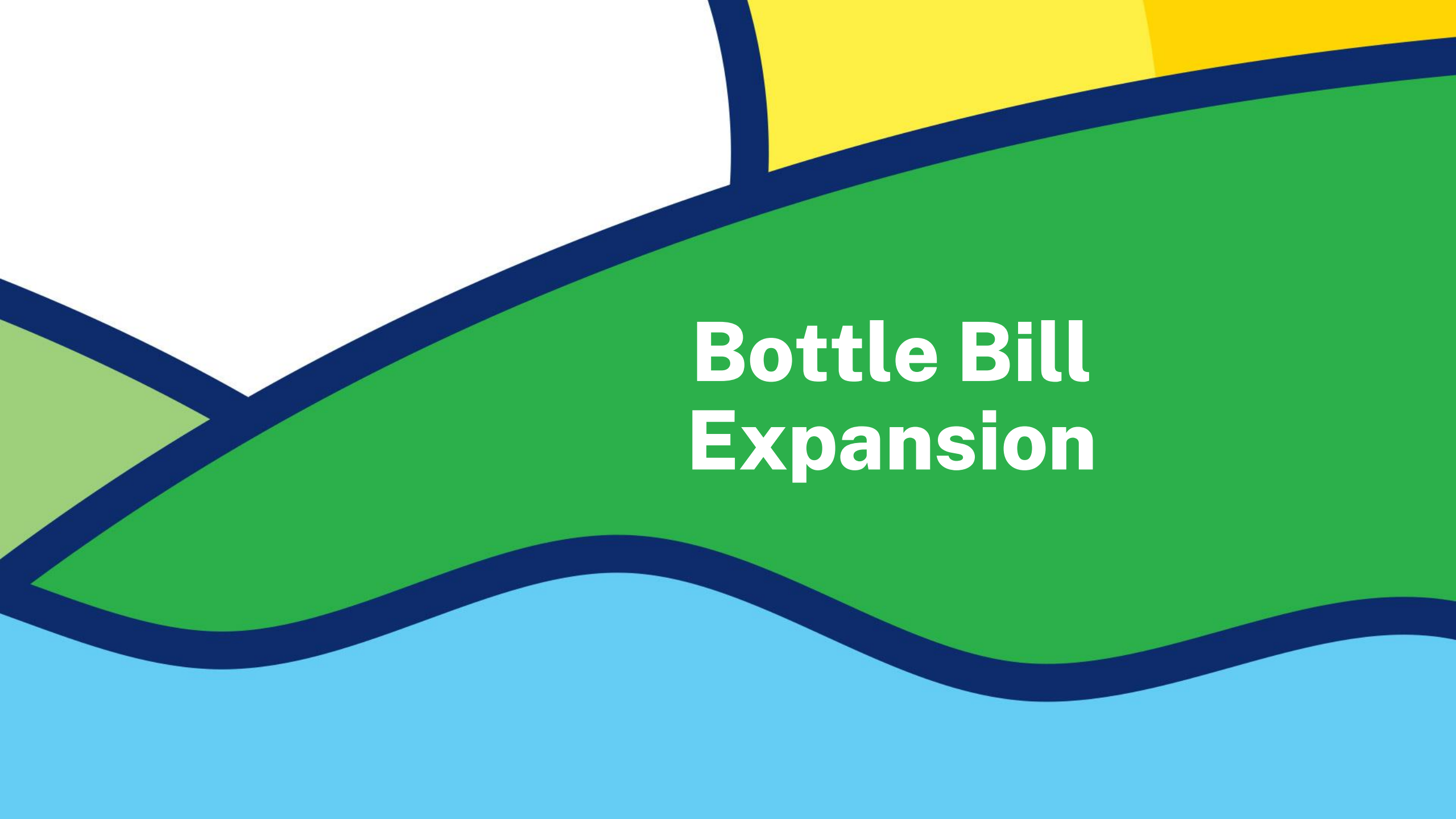




UPDATES ON CT'S BOTTLE BILL PROGRAM

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A stylized, colorful landscape illustration. The top right corner features a bright yellow sun. Below it is a green hill with a dark blue outline. The bottom portion of the image is a light blue area representing water, also with a dark blue wavy outline. The text "Bottle Bill Expansion" is centered on the green hill in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

Bottle Bill Expansion

CT BOTTLE BILL ELEMENTS PRIOR TO P.A. 21-58

Element	1980	2019
Deposit	5¢	5¢
Beverages covered	Beer, other malt beverages, carbonated soft drinks, carbonated mineral water	Same + waters (water, flavored water, enhanced water, etc)
Container types covered	Any individual, separate, sealed glass, metal or plastic bottle, can, jar or carton containing a beverage.	Any individual, separate, sealed glass, metal or plastic bottle, can, jar or carton containing a beverage. Excluded are containers over 3L containing noncarbonated beverages and HDPE containers.
Handling fee	1¢ for all containers	Beer 1.5¢, other beverages 2¢
Redemption options	Retail stores and redemption centers	Retail stores and redemption centers
Unredeemed deposits	Retained by distributor/bottler	Returned to state

CT BOTTLE BILL ELEMENTS POST P.A. 21-58

Element	
Deposit	10¢ (effective 1/1/24)
Beverages covered	Beer, other malt beverages, carbonated soft drinks, carbonated mineral water, waters (water, flavored water, enhanced water, etc) + hard seltzer, hard cider, plant water, juice, juice drink, tea, coffee, kombucha, plant infused drink, sports drink or energy drink (effective 1/1/23)
Container types covered	Any individual, separate, sealed glass, metal or plastic bottle, can, jar or carton three liters less of a carbonated beverage, or two and one-half liters or less of a noncarbonated beverage. "Beverage container" does not include any such bottle, can, jar or carton that contains less than one hundred fifty milliliters of any such carbonated or noncarbonated beverage.
Handling fee	Beer, hard seltzer, hard cider, other malt beverages - 2.5¢, All other covered beverages - 3.5¢ (effective 10/1/21)
Redemption options	Retail stores and redemption centers
Unredeemed deposits	FY22 – 100% returned to state , FY 23 -95% to state, FY 24 - 65% to state, FY 25 - 55% to state, FY26 & beyond - 45% to state

LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEWLY-ADDED BEVERAGES

- DEEP Commissioner Dykes issued an [Order](#) effective 8/2/22 that allowed for the use of the words “**Redemption Value**” or the abbreviation “**CTRV**” on labels to signify that they can be redeemed for \$0.05 prior to January 1, 2024 and \$0.10 beginning on January 1, 2024. The purpose of the Order was to minimize disruption to product distribution and avoid any potential supply chain disruptions that could harm consumers.
- Section 8 of [November Special Session, Public Act No. 22-1](#) included this language:
 - “The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any beverage container that comprises any dealer’s inventory as of December 31, 2022, provided such beverage container was not required to have a refund value as of such date pursuant to the provisions of section 22a-243 and this section”

EXPANSION GUIDANCE

- CT Food Association (CFA), TOMRA & Envipco have collaborated on online guidance (<https://recyclingmakescentsct.com/>) and in-store signage as well.
- DEEP has also posted some updated guidance on its [website](#). Further refinement of this guidance is likely, as further clarification is needed for some beverage types (e.g., hard seltzers and sports drinks)



EXPANSION IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

- Complaints coming from residents (e.g., unaware of expansion, asking why newly-added products do not yet have CT return info on the label)
- Ineligible beverage, beverage containers and/or sizes are coded for deposit
- Labeling questions from manufacturers / dealers / distributors who have not begun process
- Holdouts - distributors who have not signed up with TOMRA or pick up agents

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Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program

BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM

Overview

- The 2021 budget created Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program to provide up to \$5 million in **grants for redemption centers**
- Targets new redemption center owners, locally-, minority-, and women-owned
- Eligible only in Environmental Justice (EJ) Communities

BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM

Current Status

- Application period closed on October 3, 2022
- 16 applications received
- DEEP has successfully entered into a contract with a vendor (HEADCO Inc) to administer the grant program

BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM

Next Steps

- HEDCO is coming up to speed and is currently reviewing the previously-submitted grant applications
- Grant applicants will be notified if there is any further information required from them

QUESTIONS?

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