

**Introduced by Senator Strickland**

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An act to amend Section 14501 of the Public Resources Code, relating to recycling.

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SB 619, as introduced, Strickland. Recycling.

Existing law establishes the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act and makes certain findings and declarations with regard to that act.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 14501 of the Public Resources Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 14501. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:  
4 (a) Experience in this state and ~~others~~ *other states* demonstrates  
5 that financial incentives and convenient return systems ensure the  
6 efficient and large-scale recycling of beverage containers.  
7 Accordingly, it is the intent of the Legislature to encourage  
8 increased, and more convenient, beverage container redemption  
9 opportunities for all consumers. These redemption opportunities  
10 shall consist of dealer and other shopping center locations,  
11 independent and industry operated recycling centers, curbside  
12 programs, and other recycling systems that assure all consumers,

1 in every region of the state, the opportunity to return beverage  
2 containers conveniently, efficiently, and economically.

3 (b) California grocery, beer, soft drink, container manufacturing,  
4 labor, agricultural, consumer, environmental, government, citizen,  
5 recreational, taxpayer, and recycling groups have joined together  
6 in calling for an innovative program to generate large-scale  
7 redemption and recycling of beverage containers.

8 (c) This division establishes a beverage container recycling goal  
9 of 80 percent.

10 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that every  
11 container type proves its own recyclability.

12 (e) It is the intent of the Legislature to make redemption and  
13 recycling convenient to consumers, and the Legislature hereby  
14 urges cities and counties, when exercising their zoning authority,  
15 to act favorably on the siting of multimaterial recycling centers,  
16 reverse vending machines, mobile recycling units, or other types  
17 of recycling opportunities, as necessary for consumer convenience,  
18 and the overall success of litter abatement and beverage container  
19 recycling in the state.

20 (f) The purpose of this division is to create and maintain a  
21 marketplace where it is profitable to establish sufficient recycling  
22 centers and locations to provide consumers with convenient  
23 recycling opportunities through the establishment of minimum  
24 refund values and processing fees and, through the proper  
25 application of these elements, to enhance the profitability of  
26 recycling centers, recycling locations, and other beverage container  
27 recycling programs.

28 (g) The responsibility to provide convenient, efficient, and  
29 economical redemption opportunities rests jointly with  
30 manufacturers, distributors, dealers, recyclers, processors, and the  
31 Department of Conservation.

32 (h) It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this division,  
33 that all empty beverage containers redeemed shall be recycled,  
34 and that the responsibilities and regulations of the department shall  
35 be determined and implemented in a manner that favors the  
36 recycling of redeemed containers, as opposed to their disposal.

37 (i) Nothing in this division shall be interpreted as affecting the  
38 current business practices of scrap dealers or recycling centers,  
39 except that, to the extent they function as a recycling center or  
40 processor, they shall do so in accordance with this division.

- 1 (j) The program established by this division will contribute
- 2 significantly to the reduction of the beverage container component
- 3 of litter in this state.

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