

Legislative Analysis



REQUIRE STATE AGENCIES TO COLLECT AND RECYCLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

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House Bills 4210 & 4211

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4210 & 4211 AS INTRODUCED 2-6-07

House Bill 4210 would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (MCL 324.16601) to require an agency of the state conducting an event open to the public to place receptacles specifically designated for the collection of recyclable plastic, aluminum, or glass containers on the premises where the event is held, if beverages are provided at the event in such containers.

The term "state agency" would refer to a department, board, commission, agency, or council of the State of Michigan. A container would be considered "recyclable" if it could be easily and readily introduced into a commercial stream of material for which there is a well-established market for reuse or recycling or could be returned for a refund under the Beverage Container Deposit Law.

Further, the state agency would have to make a reasonable effort to transfer beverage containers deposited in the receptacles to an appropriate location for reuse, recycling, or return.

Under House Bill 4211, the Department of Management and Budget would have to issue directives requiring all buildings and facilities owned or operated by a state agency that are open to the public to provide for the recycling of glass, plastic, and aluminum beverage containers. The bill would amend the Management and Budget Act (MCL 18.1229).

FISCAL IMPACT:

HB 4211 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the State of Michigan. The amount of the impact would depend on the cost of purchasing and installing recycling bins, pick up and disposal costs, and increased pest and janitorial costs. There is no additional revenue to offset these costs.

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