

Proposed Resolution #A
Requires 2/3 Majority

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Proposed: June 3, 2023 Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: Weatherproofing Labels on Beverage Bottles

1. **WHEREAS:** MUCC played a key role in adoption of Michigan's Beverage Container Deposit
2. Law, which was approved by state voters in 1976 and went into effect during December of 1978,
3. and;
4. **WHEREAS:** the purpose of the Container Deposit Law is to reduce litter and increase recycling
5. among other benefits, by putting a 10-cent deposit on many cans and bottles, and;
6. **WHEREAS:** the 10-cent deposit serves as an incentive for residents to pick up and return cans
7. and bottles that end up as litter, and;
8. **WHEREAS:** the bar codes on the labeling of discarded bottles and cans must be intact for those
9. containers to be returned for the deposits paid on them, and;
10. **WHEREAS:** the paper labeling currently being used on some glass bottles that some beverages
11. are bottled in either fall off or deteriorate when exposed to the elements, eliminating bar codes
12. from those bottles or making them unreadable, and;
13. **WHEREAS:** discarded bottles on which barcodes are damaged or missing cannot be returned
14. for deposits paid on them, circumventing the intent and purpose of the state's Container Deposit
15. Law, and;
16. **WHEREAS:** some bottlers use weatherproof labeling on their bottles that remain intact when
17. exposed to the elements, insuring that those bottles can be returned for deposits paid on them if
18. and when they are discarded, NOW;
19. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that MUCC will work with state Legislators in drafting
20. legislation to require bottlers who sell beverages in Michigan to have weatherproof labeling on
21. their bottles to comply with the state's Container Deposit Law.