

# Oregon's Bottle Bill Expansion – S.B. 707

## Retailers' responsibilities

Beginning Jan. 1, 2009, two major changes are taking effect for Oregon's bottle bill. Here are some reminders for Oregon retailers.

- Oregon is adding bottled water to the list of containers that can be redeemed for a 5¢ deposit. The kinds (types) of containers that are included in Oregon's Bottle bill are:
  - Water/flavored water
  - Beer/malt beverages
  - Soda water/mineral water
  - Carbonated soft drinks
- All redeemable containers must be labeled with the OR 5¢ refund value.
- Retail outlets of 5,000 square feet or more are required to accept bottle and can returns of all brands and sizes of beverage containers for each kind (type) they sell.

Example 1: If Joy's Supermarket (a store over 5,000 sq. feet) sells water, soft drinks and beer, then they are required to accept bottle returns of *all* brands and sizes of water, soft drinks and beer - even brand names that they don't carry in their stores.

Example 2: If Christie's Mega Food Warehouse (over 5,000 sq. feet) carries only soft drinks and water (but does not sell beer) then, they are only required to accept back all brands and sizes of soft drinks and water- even brands that they don't sell. However, they are not required to accept back any beer containers, because they do not sell that kind (type) of beverage.

- Retailers under 5,000 square feet may continue to accept back only brands and sizes they sell.
- Retailers 5,000 square feet or more must accept up to 144 containers per person per day. Retailers under 5,000 square feet must accept up to 50 containers per person per day.
- Only cans and bottles labeled appropriately with the OR 5¢ refund value may be sold starting 1/1/09.
- The 5¢ redemption must be paid to the consumer – even if you did not include the 5¢ deposit in the retail price to the consumer.
- Retailers and manufacturers may be subject to certain penalties or sanctions.

For more information visit [http://oregon.gov/OLCC/bottle\\_bill.shtml](http://oregon.gov/OLCC/bottle_bill.shtml) or call Lynne Johnson at 503-872-5188.

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Statutes referenced above include:  
459A.700, 459A.705, 459A.710,  
459A.715, 459A.720

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