

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2455

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to environment and natural resources;
8 creating the Container Deposit Task Force; providing
9 for membership; providing for vacancies, quorum,
10 chair, meetings, staffing, and travel reimbursement;
11 stating duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task
12 Force to file a report by certain date; providing for
13 noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
16 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

17 A. There is hereby created, to continue until December 31,
18 2008, the Container Deposit Task Force.

19 B. The Task Force shall consist of fourteen (14) members as
20 follows:

21 1. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives shall
22 appoint five members as follows:

23 a. two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
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- b. one member who represents the beverage industry in the state,
- c. one member who represents the solid waste management industry, and
- d. one member who represents a statewide environmental organization;

2. The President Pro Tempore of the State Senate shall appoint five members as follows:

- a. two members of the State Senate,
- b. one member who represents the beverage industry in the state,
- c. one member who represents a municipality in the state, and
- d. one member who represents the retail industry in the state;

3. The Governor shall appoint two members who represent the recycling industry;

4. The Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality or a designee; and

5. The Secretary of Environment.

C. 1. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

1 2. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by August 1,
2 2008.

3 3. A majority of the members of the Task Force shall constitute
4 a quorum. A majority of the members present at a meeting may act
5 for the Task Force.

6 4. The Executive Director of the Department of Environmental
7 Quality or designee shall serve as chair of the Task Force.

8 5. The chair of the Task Force shall convene the meetings of
9 the Task Force and shall determine a schedule of meetings. The
10 first meeting of the Task Force shall be called no later than
11 October 1, 2008.

12 D. 1. Staff of the Department of Environmental Quality shall
13 serve as primary resource staff for the Task Force.

14 2. The Task Force may use the expertise and services of the
15 staffs of the State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives
16 and may, as necessary, seek the advice and services of experts in
17 the field as well as other necessary professional and clerical
18 staff.

19 E. All departments, officers, agencies, and employees of this
20 state shall cooperate with the Task Force in fulfilling its duties
21 and responsibilities including, but not limited to, providing any
22 information, records, or reports requested by the Task Force.

23 F. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for
24 their service, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1 1. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed
2 for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
3 duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74
4 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

5 2. Nonlegislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed
6 by their appointing authorities or respective agencies for necessary
7 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in
8 accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

9 G. It shall be the duty of the Task Force to formulate
10 recommendations related to:

11 1. The feasibility and benefits of enacting a container deposit
12 law in Oklahoma;

13 2. A review of container deposit laws, policies, and procedures
14 in other states; and

15 3. The environmental impact a container deposit law would have
16 for the state including, but not limited to, the impact on solid
17 waste landfills in the state and on recyclable material processing
18 operations in the state.

19 H. The Task Force shall file a report of its recommendations,
20 including recommendations for any resulting legislation, with the
21 Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and
22 the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate by December 31, 2008.

23 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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