

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 4

Resolution No. 7-25

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

By the County Council, February 18, 2025

1 RESOLUTION urging members of the General Assembly to support House Bill 735
2 and Senate Bill 642 in furtherance of increasing the recycling and reuse of beverage
3 containers, and reducing litter and pollution

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5 WHEREAS, the persistence of litter on community roadways, parks, and
6 waterways degrades our precious habitats, fouls our waterways, remains a danger
7 to wildlife, and creates unsightly and hazardous environments; and

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9 WHEREAS, the County Council is a great supporter of protecting and improving
10 our natural environment, as well as the beautification of our communities; and

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12 WHEREAS, approximately 5.2 billion beverage containers are sold in Maryland
13 every year, and, despite the widespread availability of curbside recycling, only 23%
14 of those containers are recycled; and

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16 WHEREAS, at this time 10 states have passed legislation to incentivize the return
17 of beverage containers to redemption centers, with 9 of these 10 states boasting the
18 highest recycling rates in the country; and

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20 WHEREAS, establishing greater incentives to recycle beverage containers in
21 Maryland would reduce the beverage container litter, increase the quality of
22 recycled material going to market, and result in savings to taxpayers and local
23 governments; and

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25 WHEREAS, the General Assembly is currently considering House Bill 735 and
26 Senate Bill 642, also known as The Beverage Container Recycling Refund and
27 Litter Reduction Bill, that would create a self-financed program to provide reverse
28 vending machines for convenient redemption; now, therefore, be it

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30 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it hereby*
31 *urges members of the General Assembly to support House Bill 735 and Senate Bill 642 in*
32 *furtherance of increasing the recycling and reuse of beverage containers, and reducing litter*
33 *and pollution; and be it further*

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35 *Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Wes Moore; the Anne*
36 *Arundel County Senate Delegation of the Maryland General Assembly; and the Anne*
37 *Arundel County House Delegation of the Maryland General Assembly.*