

**TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, RI**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 2021 – H 5113  
AN ACT RELATING TO MINIATURE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTAINER  
DEPOSIT RECYCLING**

**WHEREAS**, the prevalence of roadside litter of miniature alcoholic beverage containers, often referred to a “nips” is undesirable and unhealthy; and,

**WHEREAS**, many states have determined that nominal refundable deposits when purchasing these nips has reduced roadside litter of these containers between 30 to 60 percent and increased recycling rates significantly; and

**WHEREAS**, requiring refundable deposits upon purchase of these containers will place the obligation to return the used container upon the purchaser and not require the public to undertake the continued clean-up of these containers when discarded along roadsides; and,

**WHEREAS**, increasing recycling of these products will help to extend the life-span of Rhode Island’s central landfill; and,

**WHEREAS**, uncollected deposits will be converted to fund environmental programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council; of the Town of Charlestown hereby requests that the General Assembly act favorably and pass 2021 – H 5113; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to provide a copy of this resolution to the Town of Charlestown’s representatives in the R.I. General Assembly.

The RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage.

By resolution of the Charlestown Town Council at a meeting held on February 8, 2021.

Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC  
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