

Discussion/Action: Resolution in support of 2021- H 5113 an Act related to Miniature Alcoholic Beverage Container Deposit Recycling

TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH, RI

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 2021- H 5113
AN ACT RELATD TO MINIATURE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTAINER
DEPOSIT RECYCLNG

WBEREAS, the prevalence of roadside litter of miniature alcoholic beverage containers, commonly 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 significantly increased recycling rates 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 Portsmouth 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 Portsmouth's representatives in the R.I. General Assembly and all other Rhode Island cities and towns.