

## CONNECTICUT

Under Connecticut’s current DRS, just 44% of covered beverage containers are returned for recycling. This means that some 1.5 billion containers are wasted annually. In 2021, however, the state adopted Public Act 21-58, which will enact many of the high-performing practices outlined in this report. Namely, the new law will:

- Increase deposit value from five cents to 10 cents by 2023.
- Expand deposit-eligible containers to include non-carbonated beverages (e.g. juices, teas, sports drinks), hard ciders, and hard seltzer beverages (effective January 2023).
- Raise the handling fees paid by beverage distributors to support the improved redemption network.

The law established a Stewardship Organization that lacks specifics on producer control and oversight, raising concerns about standards and accountability.

### Beverage Containers included in DRS: Current vs Modernized

#### ACTUAL DRS



Carbonated Soft Drinks  
Beer & Hard Cider  
Sparkling Water  
Non-Sparkling Water (≤1 gal)

**77%**

Energy Drinks  
Sports Drinks  
Fruit & Vegetables Beverages  
Ready-to-drink Tea & Coffee  
Wellness & Functional Drinks  
Wine  
Spirits (Liquor)  
Milk and Dairy Alternatives

#### MODERNIZED DRS



Carbonated Soft Drinks  
Beer & Hard Cider  
Sparkling Water  
Non-Sparkling Water (≤1 gal)  
Energy Drinks  
Sports Drinks

Fruit & Vegetables Beverages  
Ready-to-drink Tea & Coffee  
Wellness & Functional Drinks  
Wine  
Spirits (Liquor)

**95%**

Milk & Dairy Alternatives

■ IN SCOPE ■ OUT OF SCOPE

**+18%**