

HOUSE No. 3157

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michelle L. Ciccolo

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to restore the environmental fund with unclaimed bottle deposits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/8/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2023</i>

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By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3157) of Michelle L. Ciccolo, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Brian W. Murray for legislation to restore the clean environmental fund using revenue from unclaimed bottle deposits. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act to restore the environmental fund with unclaimed bottle deposits.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 323D of chapter 94 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 8, the words “section three hundred
3 and twenty-three F” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- section 323G.

4 SECTION 2. Said chapter 94 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
5 inserting after section 323E the following section:-

6 Section 323G. (a) There shall be established on the books of the commonwealth a
7 separate fund to be known as the Clean Environment Fund. Amounts deposited in said fund shall
8 be used, subject to appropriation, solely for programs and projects in the management of solid
9 waste, environmental protection, and climate change mitigation; provided, however, that no
10 funds shall be used for costs associated with incineration.

11 (b) Not less than forty percent of amounts deposited in the Fund shall be used for
12 recycling, composting and solid waste source reduction projects and programs.

13 (c) Not less than an additional twenty percent of amounts deposited in the Fund shall be
14 used for recycling and other solid waste projects and programs.

15 (d) Not more than forty percent of amounts deposited in the fund shall be used for other
16 environmental programs consistent with the purposes of the “bottle bill”, so-called.

17 SECTION 3. Section 326 of said chapter 94, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
18 striking out, in line 4, the words “three hundred and twenty-three F” and inserting in place
19 thereof the following words:- section 323G.”