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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
S.B. 2841, RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER
PROGRAM

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department supports this measure but recommends that it be amended.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Unquantified.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health supports this bill, which requires deposit
4 beverage retailers and dealers with more than 75,000 square feet of interior retail space to operate
5 deposit beverage container (DBC) redemption centers.

6 The department believes that deposit beverage container redemption services should be a requirement
7 for all deposit beverage retailers and dealers and not just those with more than 75,000 square feet of
8 interior retail space; however, retailers and dealers with less than 5,000 square feet of interior space
9 should continue to be exempted from providing DBC redemption services. The department also
10 continues to support comprehensive recycling programs such as curbside recycling.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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