

**Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery**  
**AB 793 Plastic Content Reporting and Compliance Regulations**  
**Updated Informative Digest**

**Sen. Bill No. 353 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.)**

This bill expands the application of the act to any size container of 100% fruit juice and any size container of vegetable juice, beginning January 1, 2024. Since the additional payments for the beverage containers that this bill would make subject to the act would be deposited in a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would make an appropriation. The bill would impose a state-mandated local program by creating new crimes under the act relating to the regulation of beverage containers.

This bill amended the definition of “beverage manufacturer” to mean the same as above, except that for a beverage container containing beer, wine, or distilled spirits, the “beverage manufacturer” would be the person who holds the license from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control authorizing the manufacture of the beer, wine, or distilled spirits, regardless of whether that person contracts with a third party to bottle, can, or otherwise fill the beverage container, so long as the beverage container is provided for sale to a distributor, dealer, or consumer by the holder of the license.

This bill additionally exempts from the act’s labeling requirements a beverage container included within the scope of the act beginning on January 1, 2024, that was filled and labeled before January 1, 2024, and a beverage container with 46 ounces or more of 100% fruit juice or more than 16 ounces of vegetable juice that was filled and labeled before July 1, 2024.

This bill authorized the department to adjust the processing payment quarterly, based on the lower of either the applicable preceding 12-month or 3-month average scrap value instead of only the prior 12-month scrap value. The bill would require a processing payment equal to the processing payment applied to HDPE beverage containers to be applied to a beverage container that is a box, bladder, pouch, or similar container, containing wine or distilled spirits.

This bill required the department to pay to a recycling center in a rural area, as specified, in addition to a processing payment, a transportation, operations, and logistics payment for glass beverage containers, as specified, until January 1, 2030. The bill would continuously appropriate moneys in the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund to the department for this purpose, thereby making an appropriation.

This bill required the department to notify certain committees of the Legislature of the posting of an updated condition statement for the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund, and other specified information, for the current fiscal year and budget year and to provide a written copy of that information to specified committees of the Legislature.

