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An Assembly bill would add 10 or 20 cents to the cost of every bottle purchased, and you would get your money back by returning bottles to a redemption center. If you don’t, the money would update aging infrastructure in public schools. Is this a good idea?

- Yes. We don’t recycle enough, and this way the slackers would help the schools.
- No. Counties have spent a lot of money to improve our recycling.
- Can I raid my neighbor’s recycling bin for bottles?

But Lyn Crumbock, recycling coordinator for Cape May County, and Assemblyman Scott Rumana, R-Bergen, Essex, Morris, Passaic, disagree. They say the program, which would charge a 10-cent deposit on cans and bottles that weigh less than 24 ounces, and 20 cents on containers up to three liters, would not increase efficiency or cut costs.

"I’m just outraged," Crumbock said. "They’re taking the beauty of recycling, which we’re passionate about, and putting a price tag on it."

Crumbock said the county spent nearly $4 million converting to a single-stream recycling system in 2013 and Upper Township invested nearly $1 million in 2014 on automated trucks and carts in order to improve efficiency and recycling rates.

"This is a misguided proposal trying to solve a really important issue in Newark that needs a solution," Rumana said of the problem of lead in drinking water. "So not only will consumers pay $2.40 more for a case of beer, municipalities will have to raise their property taxes to make up for the lost revenue of curbside recycling programs."

Tittel said the cost would be the same for consumers who return cans and bottles to redemption centers, and the law would save taxpayers money by eliminating the need for towns to pick up recyclables. The act also would help eliminate some of the 6 million pounds of cans and bottles picked up annually from the side of the state’s highways, he said.

Cans and bottles collected at redemption centers ultimately may be delivered to county recycling centers, or they may be picked up by private contractors, Tittel said. Paper, cardboard and some plastics would continue to be recycled as they are now.

"We’re going to lose a great percentage of our recycling," Crumbock said.

The less the facility takes in, the less it would have to sell to aftermarkets. For example, the county MUA recycling center sells crushed cans — 35,000 to each one-ton bale — to Anheuser-Busch, and plastic bottles to Mohawk for use in carpeting.
People will be incentivized to do this if they are paid for returning their bottles and cans, he said.

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Tittel is a dimwit, does anybody have time to return the bottles or cans to a recycling center?

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Gotta be a bunch of dopey Democrats but no names, let the residents of Newark pay to take the lead outta the water, the rest of us no longer wanna pay for these decrepit city problems.

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Bob Schwartz

Who ever is sponsoring this bill is being very Stupid. Lets make a new proplem and screw up the recycling we have now. What might make sense is a fee just on vending machine bottles or individual sales as they don't usually get recycled like the case you buy for your home.

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