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House Bill 5660 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Jim Stamas
House Committee: Regulatory Reform
Senate Committee: Regulatory Reform

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the beverage container deposit law to specify that "container composed of a combination of these materials", in the law's definition of "beverage container", would not include a container composed in whole or in part of aluminum and plastic or aluminum and paper in combination, if the aluminum content represented 20% or less of the unfilled container weight and the weight of the container materials represented 5% or less of the total weight of the filled container.

The law, which was enacted by initiative in 1976 and took effect in 1978, provides for a deposit to be paid on certain beverage containers and requires a dealer to accept the return of the containers and refund the deposit. "Dealer" means a person who sells or offers for sale to consumers within Michigan a beverage in a beverage container.

"Beverage container" is defined as an airtight metal, glass, paper, or plastic container, or a *container composed of a combination of these materials*, which, at the time of sale, contains one gallon or less of a beverage. "Beverage" means a soft drink, soda water, carbonated natural or mineral water, or other nonalcoholic carbonated drink; beer, ale, or other malt drink of whatever alcoholic content; or a mixed wine drink or a mixed spirit drink.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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