



**CITY OF BEACON
CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. 41 OF 2024

**URGING THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY TO PASS THE PACKAGING
REDUCTION AND RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE ACT (S4296-B/A5322-B) AND TO
EXPAND THE STATE’S BOTTLE BILL (S237-B/A6353)**

WHEREAS, packaging makes up approximately 40 percent of the waste in New York State, the management of which costs taxpayers millions of dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, companies that produce packaging should help to bear the costs of this waste; and

WHEREAS, some packaging is neither recyclable nor reusable and refillable packaging systems are not readily available; and

WHEREAS, plastic causes serious pollution, including as litter and by use of toxic chemicals in the production of such; and

WHEREAS, the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (S4296-B/A5322-B) would reduce waste, increase recycling rates, create jobs, reduce toxicity in products, provide millions of dollars in savings for local governments and taxpayers, and lower greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act should work in tandem with and supplement New York State’s existing Returnable Container Act, which should be modernized to reflect an expanded market of beverages, and the deposit on beverage containers should be increased to 10 cents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Beacon urges the New York State Legislature to pass and Governor Kathy Hochul to sign into law a strong and effective Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (S4296-B/A5322-B) and an expanded and modernized Bottle Bill (S237-B/A6353); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk of the City of Beacon is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, State Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson, State Senator Rob Rolison, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, and the New York State Senate President Pro Tempore and Majority Leader.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Amendments			<input type="checkbox"/> 2/3 Required				
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Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
	x	Paloma Wake	x				
x		Amber Grant	x				
		Molly Rhodes	x				
		Jeffrey Domanski					x
		Pam Wetherbee	x				
		Dan Aymar-Blair	x				
		Mayor Lee Kyriacou	x				
		Motion Carried	x				