

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 5

Resolution No. 5-26

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

By the County Council, March 2, 2026

1 RESOLUTION urging members of the General Assembly to support House Bill 331  
2 and Senate Bill 342 in furtherance of increasing the recycling and reuse of beverage  
3 containers, and reducing litter and pollution

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5 WHEREAS, the persistence of litter on community roadways, parks, and  
6 waterways degrades our precious habitats, fouls our waterways, remains a danger  
7 to wildlife, and creates unsightly and hazardous environments; and

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9 WHEREAS, the County Council is a great supporter of protecting and improving  
10 our natural environment, as well as the beautification of our communities; and

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12 WHEREAS, approximately 5.2 billion beverage containers are sold in Maryland  
13 every year, and, despite the widespread availability of curbside recycling, only 23%  
14 of those containers are recycled; and

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16 WHEREAS, at this time 10 states have passed legislation to incentivize the return  
17 of beverage containers to redemption centers, with 9 of these 10 states boasting the  
18 highest recycling rates in the country; and

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20 WHEREAS, establishing greater incentives to recycle beverage containers in  
21 Maryland would reduce the beverage container litter, increase the quality of  
22 recycled material going to market, and result in savings to taxpayers and local  
23 governments; and

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25 WHEREAS, the General Assembly is currently considering House Bill 331 and  
26 Senate Bill 342, also known as The Maryland Beverage Container Recycling  
27 Refund and Litter Reduction Bill, that would create a self-financed program to  
28 provide reverse vending machines for convenient redemption; now, therefore, be it

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30 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby  
31 urges members of the General Assembly to support House Bill 331 and Senate Bill 342 in  
32 furtherance of increasing the recycling and reuse of beverage containers, and reducing litter  
33 and pollution; and be it further

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35 *Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Wes Moore; the Anne  
36 Arundel County Senate Delegation of the Maryland General Assembly; and the Anne  
37 Arundel County House Delegation of the Maryland General Assembly.