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Senate Bill 497 (Substitute S-2)  
Sponsor: Senator Buzz Thomas  
Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend Part 115 (Solid Waste Management) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to define "beverage container" as an airtight metal, glass, paper, or plastic container, or a container composed of a combination of those materials, that, at the time of sale, contained one gallon or less of any of the following:

- A soft drink, soda water, carbonated natural or mineral water, or other nonalcoholic carbonated drink.
- A beer, ale, or other malt drink of "whatever" alcoholic content.
- A mixed wine drink or a mixed spirit drink.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bills 98, 498, 500, 502, and 505. Those bill, respectively, would establish criteria for the acceptance of out-of-State waste in a landfill; prohibit the disposal of beverage containers and whole tires in landfills; increase fines and add new fines for violations of Part 115; require the DEQ to compile a list of jurisdictions from which waste could be accepted; and require the DEQ to post on its website a list of items banned from landfills and require solid waste haulers to notify their customers of these items.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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