

3 bills propose deposits on wine coolers

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They agree there should be a deposit on wine coolers. But they disagree about which legislative tool should do the job.

The Senate State Affairs Committee, headed by Sen. Rick Fessler, R-West Bloomfield, must choose between four different methods if it wants to extend Michigan's 1976 deposit law to cover wine coolers.

"The consensus last fall was that it should be done by the administra-

tive rules process," said Fessler aide Rick Simonson. "But that sort of fell flat."

EARLY THIS year, the five-member state Liquor Control Commission passed administrative rules requiring 10-cent deposits on bottles of wine cooler, a combination of wine and soda that has made a hit among young people the last three years.

But the rule "fell flat," as Simonson put it, when the Legislature's Joint Administrative Rules Committee rejected the LCC rule on a 9-1 vote.

"To the joy of the beverage industry and the dismay of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the Joint Rules Committee held that LCC exceeded its authority — that LCC was improperly trying to amend the voter-passed 1976 deposit law. Only the Legislature can do that — within limits, the panel said.

SINCE THEN, three Senate bills have emerged:

• Sen. William Sederburg, R-East Lansing, would write a new law to cover wine coolers. It would require

a simple majority for passage, but a two-thirds majority for immediate effect.

• Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, would amend the 1976 law. Under the state constitution, a law passed by voters can be amended by the Legislature by a 75 percent vote — 83 of the 110 votes in the House and 29 of the 36 votes in the Senate. Pollack said her bill, not Sederburg's, is the constitutionally correct way to go.

• Sen. Ed Fredricks, R-Holland, would place the question before vot-

ers. His bill would require a simple majority in both houses.

THERE'S ALSO a fourth method: Fessler's panel could wait and let MUCC circulate initiatory petitions asking that the Legislature pass such a law.

That method would require collecting 243,201 valid petition signatures — 8 percent of the total vote for governor in 1982, according to Don Stypula of the MUCC.

Stypula said people interested in such a drive may contact MUCC at

1-517-371-1041 or write to MUCC at PO Box 30235 Lansing 48909.

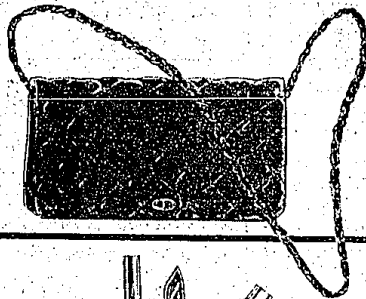
"We've already heard from people who worked on the 1976 drive," Stypula said.

The Legislature would have 40 session days to pass the measure. If it failed to act, the proposal would go to voters.

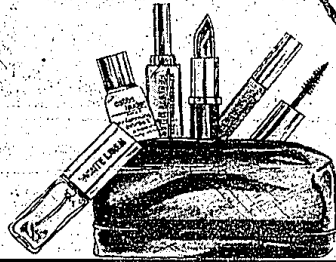
MUCC was chief sponsor, petition circulator and promoter of the 1976 law, which placed a five-cent deposit on bottles and 10-cent deposit on cans of beer and pop.

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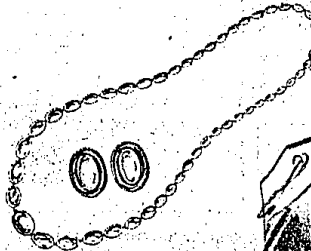
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