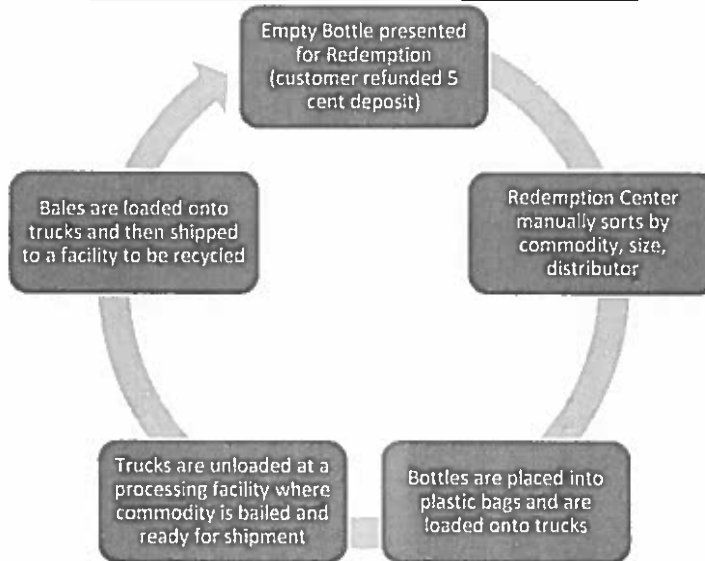


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THE REDEMPTION PROCESS



- **Redemption Centers are predominantly manual operations. Technology has unsuccessfully been introduced which resulted in a tremendous amount of wasted resources throughout the redemption process.**
- **Redemption centers have not received a raise in the container handling fee-which is there only source of revenue-in 10 years. Labor represents over 65% of a redemption centers overhead and labor expenses have doubled since the last handling fee increase in 2009.**
- **With the expansion of the bottle bill, New York State must protect Redemption Centers.**
 - **Redemption centers are subject to abuse by large beverage distributors (deposit initiators) and are often victims of unfair treatment as a result of their inability to defend themselves. *Mega Beverage Redemption Center Inc. vs. Nestle Waters N.A. et al. + Mega Beverage Redemption Center Inc vs D. Bertoline + Sons Inc.***
 - **The handling fee needs to be increased to allow Redemption Centers to remain in business.**
 - **Deposit initiators must be held accountable for their obligations through provisions in the law that protect the integrity of the oversight in the redemption process**
 - **Proposed amendments unfairly advantage the deposit originators**
 - **Thousands of poor and homeless “canners” depend on the availability of redemption center**
 - **Redemption centers function as a safety valve for smaller retailers that lack space to store returned containers.**

