



1997 Assembly Bill 516

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1997 WISCONSIN ACT 274

AN ACT *to repeal* 287.31 (3) (c) 2s.; *to amend* 287.31 (3) (c) 2m. and 3.; and *to create* 287.31 (3) (c) 4. and 287.31 (4) (d) of the statutes; **relating to**: the specified minimum percentage of postconsumer fiber contained in newsprint and the newspaper recycling fee.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 287.31 (3) (c) 2m. and 3. of the statutes are amended to read:

287.31 (3) (c) 2m. 1998, ~~40%~~ through 2000, 33%.

3. 2001 ~~and thereafter, 45%~~ through 2002, 37%.

SECTION 2. 287.31 (3) (c) 2s. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 3. 287.31 (3) (c) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

287.31 (3) (c) 4. 2003 and thereafter, 40%.

SECTION 4. 287.31 (4) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

287.31 (4) (d) The secretary may exempt from the newspaper recycling fee imposed under sub. (2) all publishers of newspapers that meet or exceed 30% recycled content for the year. The secretary may not grant an exemption under this paragraph to some publishers without also exempting every publisher who qualifies under this paragraph. This paragraph does not apply after December 31, 2000.

SECTION 5. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to newspaper recycling fees payable for newspapers published in 1998.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1995-96: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].