

# HOUSE BILL No. 4833

May 16, 1991, Introduced by Reps. Alley, Hickner, Dolan, DeMars, Gire, McBryde, Bodem, Middleton, Leland, Gubow, Gilmer, Jondahl, Brown, Kosteva, Jaye, London and Hunter and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Recreation and Environment.

A bill to regulate the content of newsprint used to print newspapers; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state departments and officials and other persons; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Newsprint" means uncoated paper, whether supercalen-  
3 dered or machine finished, generally used for, but not limited  
4 to, the publication of newspapers, that is made primarily from  
5 mechanical wood pulp combined with some chemical wood pulp.  
6 Newsprint includes all grades of paper, supercalendered uncoated  
7 or machine finished uncoated groundwood, sold as newsprint.

8       (b) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,  
9 association, governmental entity, or other legal entity.

1 (c) "Publisher" means a person who commercially utilizes  
2 newsprint in the publication of a newspaper in this state.

3 Sec. 2. (1) All newspapers published in this state shall  
4 contain a postconsumer recycled newsprint content in accord with  
5 the following schedule:

6 7 <u>Year</u>	<u>Required Postconsumer Recycled Newsprint Content</u>
8 January 1, 1993	15%
9 January 1, 1995	25%
10 January 1, 1997	35%
11 January 1, 2000	50%

12 (2) Beginning on January 1, 1993, a publisher shall annually  
13 submit to the department of natural resources a statement of ver-  
14 ification that attests that his or her newspaper is in compliance  
15 with this section with regard to the postconsumer recycled news-  
16 print content requirements.

17 (3) The department of natural resources shall implement this  
18 act.

19 (4) A person who violates this section is responsible for a  
20 civil fine of not more than \$10,000.00 and all court costs and  
21 enforcement costs.

22 (5) A default in the payment of a civil fine or costs  
23 ordered under this section or an installment of the fine or costs  
24 may be remedied by any means authorized under the revised judica-  
25 ture act of 1961, Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, being  
26 sections 600.101 to 600.9947 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.