

# HOUSE BILL No. 5961

June 25, 1992, Introduced by Reps. Nye, Fitzgerald, Walberg, Gilmer and McNutt and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Recreation and Environment.

A bill to regulate the content of postconsumer waste in newsprint; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials; and to provide remedies.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Newspaper" means a publication that is printed on news-  
3 print for the dissemination of current news and information of a  
4 general character and of a general interest to the public.

5 Newspaper includes advertising supplements printed on newsprint  
6 that are distributed as a component part of a newspaper.

7       (b) "Newsprint" means the paper used in the publication of  
8 newspapers which is an impermanent material made from mechanical  
9 wood pulp, with some chemical wood pulp.

10       (c) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,  
11 association, governmental entity, or other legal entity.

1 (d) "Postconsumer waste" means newsprint that has served its  
2 originally intended purpose, that has been recovered from a  
3 person, and that is separated from the solid waste stream for the  
4 purpose of recycling.

5 (e) "Recycled content" means the proportion of fiber in  
6 newsprint that is derived from postconsumer waste measured as the  
7 average of the recycled content of all newsprint used by a person  
8 during the year.

9 Sec. 2. By January 1, 2000, and each year thereafter, any  
10 newsprint used in this state shall contain at least 50% recycled  
11 content.

12 Sec. 3. A person who violates this act after receiving  
13 written notice from the attorney general that the person is in  
14 violation of this act is responsible for a civil fine of  
15 \$1,000.00 per day of violation. In addition, the attorney gen-  
16 eral may seek injunctive relief to prevent the distribution in  
17 this state of newsprint that is in violation of this act.