



# HOUSE BILL No. 5831

April 30, 1996, Introduced by Reps. Brater, Weeks, Pitoniak, Freeman, Martinez, Gubow, DeHart, Cherry, Gire, Schroer, Clack, Scott, Hammerstrom, Hanley and Bobier and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend Act No. 431 of the Public Acts of 1984,  
entitled as amended

"The management and budget act,"

as amended, being sections 18.1101 to 18.1594 of the Michigan  
Compiled Laws, by adding section 261c.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 431 of the Public Acts of 1984, as  
2 amended, being sections 18.1101 to 18.1594 of the Michigan  
3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding section 261c to read as  
4 follows:

5 SEC. 261C. (1) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1997, IN ADDITION TO  
6 THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS 261 AND 261A, AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING  
7 PERCENTAGES BY WEIGHT OR VOLUME OF ALL PAPER PRODUCTS PURCHASED  
8 OR CONTRACTED FOR BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE MADE FROM  
9 CHLORINE-FREE PAPER, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE AND TO THE EXTENT

1 THE COST OF WHICH DOES NOT EXCEED 115% OF PAPER PRODUCTS NOT  
2 CONTAINING CHLORINE-FREE PAPER: FOR 1997, 10% AND FOR EACH YEAR  
3 AFTER 1997 INCREASING BY 5% MORE THAN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING  
4 YEAR UNTIL THE PERCENTAGE IS 50%.

5 (2) IF THE DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE-  
6 MENTS OF SUBSECTION (1), THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A  
7 STATE AGENCY THAT UTILIZES THE PAPER PRODUCT SHALL PURCHASE OR  
8 CONTRACT FOR A SUBSTITUTE PAPER PRODUCT THAT FULFILLS THE  
9 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1) IF A SUBSTITUTE PAPER PRODUCT IS  
10 AVAILABLE.

11 (3) IF A STATE AGENCY INFORMS THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT IS  
12 UNABLE TO UTILIZE A CHLORINE-FREE PAPER PRODUCT OR THAT A SUBSTI-  
13 TUTE PAPER PRODUCT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) IS NOT AVAILABLE,  
14 THE AGENCY SHALL REQUEST AND JUSTIFY AN EXEMPTION FROM  
15 SUBSECTION (1) IN WRITING. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GRANT AN EXEMP-  
16 TION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1) IF THE DEPARTMENT  
17 FINDS THAT THE STATE AGENCY HAS MADE ALL REASONABLE EFFORTS TO  
18 COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (1) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ATTEMPTED TO UTI-  
19 LIZE A SUBSTITUTE PAPER PRODUCT UNDER SUBSECTION (2).

20 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND  
21 THE LEGISLATURE ON THE QUANTITIES AND TYPES OF CHLORINE-FREE  
22 PAPER PRODUCTS PURCHASED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
23 ALSO ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE AFFECTED STATE  
24 AGENCY IF THE DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (1),  
25 THE REASON FOR THE INABILITY TO COMPLY, AND THE EFFORTS MADE BY  
26 THE DEPARTMENT TO COMPLY.

(5) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

(A) "CHLORINE-FREE" MEANS 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

(i) VIRGIN OR RECYCLED PAPER THAT HAS BEEN BLEACHED WITHOUT THE USE OF ANY CHLORINATED CHEMICALS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ELEMENTAL CHLORINE, CHLORINE DIOXIDE, AND SODIUM HYPOCHLORIDE.

(ii) VIRGIN OR RECYCLED PAPER THAT HAS NOT BEEN LIGHTENED BY ANY CHEMICAL MEANS.

(B) "PAPER PRODUCTS" MEANS 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

(i) PAPER PURCHASED FOR USE IN COPYING MACHINES.

(ii) PAPER DESIGNED FOR PRINTING, OTHER THAN NEWSPRINT, SUCH AS OFFSET AND PUBLICATION PAPER.

(iii) COMPUTER PAPER.

(iv) PAPER TOWELS.

(v) PAPER USED IN NOTEPADS, LOOSE-LEAF FILLERS, TABLETS, MESSAGE PADS, AND OTHER PAPER COMMONLY USED IN OFFICES.

(C) "PRACTICABLE" MEANS CAPABLE OF BEING USED CONSISTENT WITH REASONABLE SPECIFICATIONS AND AVAILABLE WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME.

(6) RECYCLED PAPER THAT IS CHLORINE-FREE AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5)(A)(i) OR (ii) SHALL BE CONSIDERED CHLORINE-FREE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT ANY CHLORINATED CHEMICALS WERE USED IN BLEACHING THE PAPER PRODUCTS FROM WHICH THE RECYCLED PAPER WAS PRODUCED.