



## 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 516

September 16, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives REYNOLDS, JOHNSRUD, GUNDERSON, NASS and HUTCHISON. Referred to Committee on Environment.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 287.31 (1) (b); and *to create* 287.31 (1) (ar) of the statutes;  
2             **relating to:** the specified minimum percentage of postconsumer fiber  
3             contained in newsprint.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the publisher of a newspaper is required to pay a newspaper recycling fee based on the volume of newsprint used by that publisher unless the newsprint used by the publisher contains a specified minimum percentage of fiber derived from postconsumer waste. "Postconsumer waste" does not include solid waste generated in the production of goods.

This bill allows the proportion of recovered material contained in newsprint to be counted toward the specified minimum recycled content. The bill defines "recovered material" as a product which is recovered from solid waste in a form identical to the original form for a use that is the same as or similar to the original use.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4             **SECTION 1.** 287.31 (1) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:

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**SECTION 1**

1 287.31 (1) (ar) “Recovered material” means a product that is recovered from  
2 solid waste in a form identical to the original form for a use that is the same as or  
3 similar to the original use.

4 **SECTION 2.** 287.31 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 287.31 (1) (b) “Recycled content” means the proportion of fiber in a newspaper  
6 that is recovered material or derived from postconsumer waste.

7 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

8 (1) This act first applies to newsprint used by a publisher during the calendar  
9 year in which this subsection takes effect.

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(END)