

## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 365

May 1, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives JOHNSRUD, REYNOLDS, OTT, KRAWCZYK, NASS, ALBERS, SERATTI, GRONEMUS, HUEBSCH, KREIBICH, OWENS, RHOADES, SYKORA, HAHN and GUNDERSON, cosponsored by Senators BRESKE, SCHULTZ, JAUCH, ROESSLER and WELCH. Referred to Committee on Environment.

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 287.31 (3) (c) 3. and 4.; and *to amend* 287.31 (3) (c) 2m. of the  
 2             statutes; **relating to:** the newspaper recycling fee and the recycled content of  
 3             newsprint used in newspapers.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the publisher of a newspaper is generally required to pay a newspaper recycling fee based on the volume of newsprint used by the publisher unless the newsprint on which the newspaper is printed contains a specified minimum percentage of fiber derived from postconsumer waste. For 1998 to 2000, the specified minimum percentage is 33%. For 2001 and 2002, the specified minimum percentage is 37%. For 2003 and thereafter, the specified minimum percentage is 40%.

Under this bill, the specified minimum percentage of fiber from postconsumer waste for newsprint used in newspapers is 33%, with no future increases.

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 (3) (c) 2m. of the statutes is amended to read:  
 5             287.31 **(3)** (c) 2m. 1998 through 2000 and thereafter, 33%.

