

2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 187

March 25, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives JOHNSRUD, OTT, BIES, GUNDERSON, GRONEMUS, HINES, HAHN, GROTHMAN, M. LEHMAN, TOWNS, OLSEN, STONE, PETROWSKI, TOWNSEND, VAN ROY, VRAKAS, MCCORMICK, RHOADES, SUDER, ALBERS and SERATTI, cosponsored by Senators SCHULTZ, STEPP, HARS DORF, JAUCH, REYNOLDS, WELCH and S. FITZGERALD. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

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.

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.

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%.

