



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AMENDMENT MEMO**

2015 Assembly Bill 730	Assembly Amendments 1 and 3
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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 730

2015 Assembly Bill 730 generally prohibits cities, villages, towns, and counties from doing any of the following relating to “auxiliary containers”:

- Enacting or enforcing ordinances or adopting or enforcing resolutions regulating the use, disposition, or sale of auxiliary containers.
- Prohibiting or restricting auxiliary containers.
- Imposing fees, charges, or surcharges on auxiliary containers.

The bill defines “auxiliary container” to mean a bag, cup, bottle, or other packaging that is all of the following:

- Designed to be reusable or single-use.
- Made of cloth, paper, plastic, cardboard, corrugated material, aluminum, glass, postconsumer recycled material, or similar material or substrates, including coated, laminated, or multi-layer substrates.
- Designed for transporting or protecting merchandise, food, or beverages from a food service or retail facility.

The bill specifies that it does not limit the authority of a political subdivision in operating a curbside recycling or commercial recycling program or in designating a recycling location.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 modifies the definition of “auxiliary container” to expressly include cans.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 3

Assembly Amendment 3 clarifies that the bill does not limit the authority of a political subdivision in operating a recycling program authorized under s. 287.11, Stats.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Rohrkaste offered Assembly Amendments 1 and 3 on January 25, 2016 and February 16, 2016, respectively. On January 27, 2016, the Assembly Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations voted to recommend the adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 2. On the same day, the committee voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 5.

On February 16, 2015, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendments 1 and 3 on voice votes. On the same day, the Assembly passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 63; Noes, 35.

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