

1983 Assembly Bill 138

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1983 Wisconsin Act 73

AN ACT to create 100.28 of the statutes, relating to restrictions of the sale of certain products containing phosphates and creating a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. 100.28 of the statutes is created to read:

100.28 Sale of cleaning agents and water conditioners containing phosphorus restricted.

(1) DEFINITIONS. In this section:

(a) "Chemical water conditioner" means a water softening chemical or other substance containing phosphorus intended to treat water for machine laundry use.

(b) "Cleaning agent" means any laundry detergent, laundry additive, dishwashing compound, cleanser, household cleaner, metal cleaner, degreasing compound, commercial cleaner, industrial cleaner, phosphate compound or other substance intended to be used for cleaning purposes.

(2) RESTRICTIONS. Except as provided under sub. (3), no person may sell at retail:

(a) *General restriction; 0.5%*. Any cleaning agent which contains more than 0.5% phosphorus by weight, other than a cleaning agent for machine dishwashing or cleansing of medical and surgical equipment.

(b) *Restriction for machine dishwashing or cleansing of medical equipment; 8.7%*. Any cleaning agent for machine dishwashing or cleansing of medical and surgical equipment which contains more than 8.7% phosphorus by weight.

(c) *Restriction for water conditioner; 20%*. Any chemical water conditioner which contains more than 20% phosphorus by weight.

(3) EXEMPTION; INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES AND DAIRY EQUIPMENT. Cleaning agents used for industrial processes and cleaning or for cleansing dairy equipment are not subject to this section.

(4) PENALTY. A person who violates this section shall forfeit not more than \$100.

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SECTION 2. **Effective date.** This act takes effect on January 1, 1984.
