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CHAPTER 434

AN ACT to create 20.410 (6) and (49) and 144.14 of the statutes, relating to the regulation of detergents, requiring industry to report status of industrial conversion to biodegradable detergents, granting rule-making and investigation authority, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.410 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

20.410 (6) REGULATION OF DETERGENTS. On January 1, 1964, and on July 1, 1964, and annually thereafter \$10,000, for the accomplishment of s. 144.14.

SECTION 2. 144.14 of the statutes is created to read:

144.14 DEGRADABLE DETERGENTS. (1) INVESTIGATION AND STANDARDS. The state board of health shall investigate and review industry progress in developing degradable detergents, and request that various raw material manufacturers make status reports to the state board of health every 4 months commencing December 15, 1963, until such time as the board feels such reports are no longer needed; review and investigate the disposition of synthetic detergents and other persistent chemical pollutants, as wastes, into sewage treatment facilities, rivers, ground and sur-

face water supplies; determine what problems are thereby created; establish a standard and a method for determining synthetic detergent degradability in waste treatment systems, as a suggested guide to detergent manufacturers, such standard to be in keeping with the current level of scientific knowledge and technology; hold public hearings concerning the establishment of such standard, if any; and report its findings and recommendations to the 1965 legislature when it convenes.

(2) SUPPLIERS TO REPORT TO BOARD. All suppliers of raw materials for the present surface active agent contained in detergents of the generally nondegrading type, whose materials either directly or indirectly are sold in this state, shall report to the state board of health every 4 months, commencing December 15, 1963, for such time the board deems necessary, the suppliers current progress towards the complete conversion of its facilities to the manufacture of degradable detergents for domestic sale and consumption.

(3) SALE PROHIBITED. On and after December 31, 1965, the sale and use of nondegradable detergents containing alkyl benzene sulfonate is prohibited in this state.

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