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ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO ASSEMBLY BILL 11

February 11, 2015 - Offered by Representatives Mason, Stuck, Hebl, Pope, Ohnstad, Kahl and Wachs.

- 1 AN ACT *to amend* 287.31 (4) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** exemptions from the newspaper recycling fee.
 - Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a newspaper publisher is required, with certain exceptions, to pay a newspaper recycling fee unless at least 33 percent of the fiber in the newsprint is derived from postconsumer waste. Under current law, publishers of newspapers that have a circulation of less than 20,000 are exempt from the newspaper recycling fee, if the publisher can show that complying with the recycled content target would create a financial hardship for the publisher.

This substitute amendment provides that a publisher is exempt from the newspaper recycling fee if the publisher's newspaper has a circulation of less than 40,000, and if the publisher can show that complying with the recycled content target would create a financial hardship.

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

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287.31 (4) (c) Subsection (3) does not apply to the publisher of a newspaper that has a circulation of less than 20,000 40,000 if the department determines, based on a review of a written request by the publisher, that compliance with the target recycled content requirements in sub. (3) (c) would create a financial hardship for the publisher. The department shall promulgate rules for making determinations of financial hardship under this paragraph.

7 (END)