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2003 Wisconsin Act 106 [2003 Assembly Bill 187]	Recycled Content of Newsprint Used in Newspapers
2003 Acts: www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/	Act Memos: www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm

2003 Wisconsin Act 106 modifies the percentage of fiber from post-consumer waste in newsprint used in newspapers that is used to calculate the amount of the newspaper recycling fee.

Background

The newspaper recycling fee is established under s. 287.31, Stats. The statute sets a recycling fee that applies to a newspaper publisher if the publisher fails to meet the target for recycled content of newsprint that is specified in the statute. The recycled content must consist of “post-consumer waste,” which is waste other than that generated in the production of goods. If the publisher attains the target for recycled content of newsprint, the publisher is not subject to the newspaper recycling fee. If the publisher does not attain the target, the fee is 1% of the total cost of newsprint used to print the newspaper during the year times a percentage calculated by subtracting the actual recycled content of the newsprint from the target percentage. The target percentages commenced in 1992, with a target of 10%. Under the prior statute, the target percentage was increased in increments until it reached 40% in 2003 and thereafter.

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Act 106 sets the final target percentage for recycled content of newsprint at 33% in 1998 and thereafter, and eliminates the increases for the percentage of recycled content that had been specified in the prior statute for 2001 and 2002 at 37%, and 2003 and thereafter at 40%.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information,
consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.