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**By: Delegate McHale**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment - Newsprint Recycling**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain requirements for recycled content in certain  
4 newspapers; requiring that the Newsprint Recycling Board only meet at the request  
5 of the Secretary; and generally relating to newsprint recycling.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Environment  
8 Section 9-1707(c) and (h)(1)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Environment**

14 9-1707.

15 (c) (1) To satisfy the recycled content percentage requirement of this section  
16 for a calendar year, at least the percentage specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection,  
17 by weight, of the total newsprint used by the publisher during that calendar year for  
18 newspapers distributed in the State shall be recycled materials.

19 (2) The recycled content percentage requirement is:

20 (i) 12% for 1992;

21 (ii) 12% for 1993;

22 (iii) 20% for 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, AND 1999;

23 (iv) 25% for [1995] 2000;

24 (v) 30% for [1996] 2001 AND 2002;

25 (vi) 35% for [1997] 2003 AND 2004; and

26 (vii) 40% for [1998] 2005 and all subsequent calendar years.

27 (h) (1) (I) There is a Newsprint Recycling Board in the Department.

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1 (II) THE NEWSPRINT RECYCLING BOARD SHALL MEET ONLY AT  
2 THE REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 1997.