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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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RECYCLING INDUSTRIES IN ALBERTA

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### **AN ACT TO PROMOTE RECYCLING INDUSTRIES IN ALBERTA**

*(Assented to , 1990)*

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the  
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Policy declaration

**1** It is hereby recognized and declared that it is public policy in  
the Province of Alberta

(a) to preserve and protect a viable flourishing biosphere by  
reducing the amount of waste produced by our society.

(b) to re-use discarded material whenever possible.

(c) to reprocess and recycle what cannot be reused, and

(d) to recover useful products or energy through material  
transformations of items that can no longer be recycled in  
their present material composition.

Amends c.D-19  
RSA 1980

**2(1)** *The Department of the Environment Act is amended  
by this section.*

**(2)** *The following is added after section 5:*

**5.1** The Minister shall establish a waste management working  
group and shall table in the Legislative Assembly a report  
containing:

(1) an analysis of the contents, locations and sources of the  
current waste stream in Alberta;

(2) a survey of current recycling industries in Alberta;

(3) a survey of current waste management industries and government departments in Alberta;

(4) an analysis of potential recycling and recovery from the existing waste stream.

5.2 The Minister of the Environment shall cause the Special Waste Management Corporation to provide for household toxic waste collection throughout Alberta and may provide grants for this purpose subject to the appropriation of funds for this purpose by the Legislature.

(3) *The following is added after section 8(2)(b):*

(b.1) developing funding guidelines for grants to municipalities for capital equipment, public education and collection services in support of local recycling programs and initiatives.

Amends SA 1984  
c.D-25.5

3(1) *The Department of Public Works, Supply and Services Act is amended by this section.*

(2) *The following is added after section 8:*

8.1 The Minister shall conduct research into:

(a) the availability of recycled products for use by the government and others in Alberta;

(b) the potential for further production of supplies from past consumption waste materials; and

(c) the preparation of guides for government departments of the government and others on how they can maximize the use of recycled products.

(3) *Section 9 is amended by adding the following after subsection (2):*

(2.1) The Minister may make loans by way of advances to manufacturers or suppliers against delivery of recycled products for the use of departments where such loans are required, in the opinion of the Minister to secure supplies or to cause their manufacture providing money has been appropriated to the purpose by the Legislature.

(4) *Section 11 is amended by adding the following after subsection (3):*

(4) The Minister shall promote the use of environmentally sensitive products by all departments by:

(a) acquiring and providing to each department supplies which contain the highest possible content of past consumption waste to the fullest extent that such recycled products are available, including but not limited to:

- (i) paper and paper products,
- (ii) motor oil and derivatives,
- (iii) steel and steel products,
- (iv) aluminium and aluminium products,
- (v) plastics and plastic products
- (vi) construction and other building materials,
- (vii) tires and rubber products;

(b) ensuring that no paper or paper products are purchased which originate with pulp mills that do not fully meet the strictest current Alberta standard for effluent in respect of chlorinated organic compounds;

(c) ensuring that no department uses any product containing chlorofluorocarbons or made through a process using chlorofluorocarbons, unless the department can show:

- (i) that there is no alternative product available, and
- (ii) it is not possible to carry out its mandate without the product.

Amends c.12 RSA  
1980

5(1) *The Clean Air Act is amended by this section.*

(2) *The following is added after section 4(6)(a.1):*

(a.2) require a company extracting natural resources to utilize a specified minimum amount of post-consumer waste in its production process.

Amends c.13 RSA  
1980

6(1) *The Clean Water Act is amended by this section.*

(2) *The following is added after section 4(6)(a.1):*

(a.2) require a company extracting natural resources to utilize a specified minimum amount of post-consumer waste in its production process.

Private sector  
recycling

7(1) Where sufficient supplies of recycled products are available of sufficient quality, the Minister of the Environment may enter

negotiations with industrial processors regarding policies and procedures for increasing the use of recycled products by industry.

(2) Following such negotiations, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may by regulation set industry-wide content standards for recycled product content in products sold in and from the Province of Alberta.

Financial  
assistance

**8** The Minister of Economic Development and Trade shall ensure that no person extracting a virgin natural resource or processing such a resource shall receive provincial assistance which is greater than is or would be available to a person engaged in reusing, recycling or recovering discarded or waste material.

Commencement

**9** This Act comes into force on Proclamation.