

HOUSE BILL No. 4906

June 7, 1989, Introduced by Rep. Bryant and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Recreation and Environment.

A bill to protect and promote the public health; to require the labeling of certain paper products; and to prohibit the use of certain paper-making technologies and the sale of certain paper products that use those technologies after a certain date.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Label" means a display of clearly legible written,
3 printed, or graphic material upon the covering of a paper prod-
4 uct, or in the case of a paper product that is not packaged in a
5 covering intended or suitable for delivery to a consumer, a dis-
6 play of clearly legible written, printed, or graphic material
7 directly upon the paper product or upon a tag or suitable mate-
8 rial affixed to the paper product.

9 (b) "Paper product" means a product that is in whole or in
10 part composed of paper and in its final form is intended to be

1 used as a consumer product that in ordinary usage will come in
2 contact with human skin or a food product intended for human
3 consumption.

4 (c) "Person" means an individual, partnership, association,
5 corporation, other legal entity, or the state or a subdivision of
6 the state.

7 Sec. 2. (1) A person shall not distribute or make available
8 for distribution in this state a paper product that is produced
9 by using chlorine to break down wood fibers in the pulp-making
10 process, this process being commonly referred to as the "bleached
11 kraft" process, unless that paper product displays a label indi-
12 cating that the "bleached kraft" process was used and the parts
13 per trillion of dioxin in the paper product.

14 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), after December 31, 1991
15 paper products that are produced by using the "bleached kraft"
16 process shall not be manufactured in this state or distributed in
17 this state.

18 Sec. 3. (1) A person who violates this act is guilty of a
19 misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90
20 days, or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

21 (2) Each day that a violation of this act continues shall be
22 considered a separate violation.