

By Ms. Resor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 537) of Pamela P. Resor, Susan C. Fargo, Patricia A. Walrath, David P. Linsky and other members of the General Court for legislation to relate to the distribution and sale of household cleaning products containing phosphorus. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF HOUSEHOLD CLEANING PRODUCTS CONTAINING PHOSPHORUS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5R of Chapter 111 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking Paragraph 7 and inserting in the place  
3 thereof the following new paragraph:—  
4 No household cleansing product which contains a phosphorous  
5 compound in concentrations in excess of a trace quantity, except  
6 those used in commercial dishwashing machines, commercial  
7 laundries, for cleansing medical and surgical equipment, food and  
8 beverage processing equipment, and dairy equipment shall be dis-  
9 tributed, sold, offered or exposed for sale at retail, wholesale, or  
10 used in a commercial establishment in the commonwealth after  
11 July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-four. Provided further, that  
12 all manufacturers of household cleansing products for household  
13 dishwashing machines that contain a phosphorous compound in  
14 concentrations in excess of a trace quantity, be required to reduce  
15 that concentration of phosphorous in these products by no less  
16 than 50% of their concentration by July 1st 2007 and provided  
17 further that by July 1st 2010, manufacturers of these household  
18 cleansing products for dishwashing machines shall be required to  
19 reduce the concentration of phosphorous in these detergents to a  
20 trace quantity.

1 SECTION 2. Paragraph 8, of Section 5R of Chapter 111 in  
2 line 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
3 the words “elemental phosphorous, used in”, the word “commer-  
4 cial”.