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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1396**

Offered January 25, 1994

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 14 of Title 10.1 an article numbered 3.4, consisting of sections numbered 10.1-1425.19 through 10.1-1425.23, relating to telephone directories with recycled content; civil penalty.*

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Referred to Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 14 of Title 10.1 an article numbered 3.4, consisting of sections numbered 10.1-1425.19 through 10.1-1425.22, as follows:**

*Article 3.4.**Directory Recycled Content Act.**§ 10.1-1425.19. Definitions.*

*As used in this article, unless the content requires a different meaning:*

*"Directory" means a telephone directory which is distributed in Virginia.*

*"Post-consumer material" means a material that having completed its life cycle as a consumer or manufacturing product would normally be disposed of as a solid waste.*

*"Recycled content" means the portion of a product's weight that is composed of recycled material, as determined by calculating the total recycled material input as a percentage of the total material input in the manufacture of a product.*

*"Recycled material" means any material that has completed its original end-use or product life and has been reprocessed so as to be used again in manufacturing the same kind of product or another product.*

*§ 10.1-1425.20. Post-consumer material content.*

*A directory shall have the following minimum amount of post-consumer material:*

*1. On and after July 1, 1996, twenty percent.*

*2. On and after July 1, 1998, forty percent.*

*§ 10.1-1425.21. Exemptions.*

*Directories shall be exempted from the provisions of this article in the following instances:*

*1. Recycled content paper is not available;*

*2. The recycled content paper is not of the same quality as paper made from virgin material; or*

*3. Recycled content paper is priced more than ten percent higher than comparable quality paper from virgin materials.*

*§ 10.1-1425.22. Certification of content.*

*A. The percentage of post-consumer paper content in each directory edition shall be certified by the publisher in a prominent location on each copy of the directory.*

*B. Upon request by the Department, a directory publisher shall provide evidence that the percentage of post-consumer recycled paper content in its directories is correct as certified in each directory edition. Each edition of a published directory shall be considered separately for the purpose of determining recycled paper content.*

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