
**Natural Resources, Ecology &
Parks Committee**

HB 2322

Brief Description: Limiting the phosphorus content in dishwashing detergent.

Sponsors: Representative Ormsby.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Prohibits the sale of dishwashing detergent that contains 0.5 percent or more phosphorous by weight after July 1, 2007.

Hearing Date: 1/27/06

Staff: Jeff Olsen (786-7157).

Background:

Phosphorous is a naturally occurring element that stimulates plant growth. When introduced into freshwater, phosphorous promotes growth of weeds and algae and can degrade water quality.

In 1993, legislation was enacted prohibiting the sale of laundry detergent that contains 0.5 percent or more phosphorous by weight and the sale of dishwashing detergent that contains more than 8.7 percent phosphorous by weight.

Summary of Bill:

The sale of dishwashing detergent that contains 0.5 percent or more phosphorous by weight is prohibited after July 1, 2007.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.