

**BARNSTABLE COUNTY**

**In the Year Two Thousand and Seven**

**Resolution 07-01**

To strongly urge the adoption of the bill numbered S536 to ban all household cleaning products which contain a phosphorous compound in concentrations in excess of a trace quantity, with certain exceptions.

*WHEREAS,* Phosphorous in dish detergent is a minor but significant contributor to the impairment of Cape Cod ponds (indeed, all ponds), and an indirect contributor to the nitrogen overload in our coastal estuaries; and

*WHEREAS,* The Cape towns, and all towns in the Commonwealth, which rely on septic systems, face complex and expensive solutions to these problems;

WHEREAS, The Act will significantly reduce the amount of phosphorous allowed in dish detergents sold for residential use as of July 1, 2010;

WHEREAS, this bill represents one simple but effective solution and the positive effects of this legislation in Barnstable County will be far-reaching;

*WHEREAS,* The positive effects of this legislation in Barnstable County will be far reaching;

**NOW THEREFORE,**

***BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates:***

Strongly urges urge the adoption of the bill numbered S536, an Act relating to the distribution and sale of household cleaning products containing phosphorous, to ban all household cleansing products which contain a phosphorous compound in concentrations in excess of a trace quantity, with certain exceptions.

**The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates, by a roll call vote with 97.55% voting yes at the regular meeting held on May 2, 2007.**

Attested by:



Diane C. Thompson, Clerk  
Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates