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FIRST SESSION

THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Bill 194

## **Phosphate-Free Detergents Act**

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**Introduction**

**Introduced by  
Mr. Camil Bouchard  
Member for Vachon**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*This bill prohibits the sale of dishwashing and laundry detergents containing phosphates as of 1 January 2008 for domestic use and as of 1 January 2010 for commercial and industrial use.*

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## PHOSPHATE-FREE DETERGENTS ACT

AS high phosphate loading of waters stimulates the growth of algae, including the blue-green algae called cyanobacteria, and consequently has adverse environmental, health and aesthetic effects;

AS the discharge of phosphates into surface and ground waters could be reduced through the use of phosphate-free dishwashing and laundry detergents;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** This Act applies to dishwashing and laundry detergents manufactured, supplied or sold for washing by hand or by machine.
- 2.** No person may supply or sell dishwashing or laundry detergents containing phosphates as of 1 January 2008 for domestic use or as of 1 January 2010 for commercial and industrial use.
- 3.** A person who contravenes section 2 is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine. The maximum fine is \$5,000 for a natural person and \$25,000 for a legal person.
- 4.** This Act comes into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*).

