

RESOLUTION: WISCONSIN SENATE BILL 107

Whereas, discarded electronic devices represent a significant and growing portion of the waste entering Wisconsin landfills, and

Whereas, many components of electronic equipment—including metals, plastic, and glass—can be reused or recycled, while others may present environmental hazards if not managed correctly, and

Whereas, these devices contain valuable components and materials that, if recycled, would preserve natural resources, and

Whereas, the Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin (AROW) has determined that the proper collection and recycling of electronic waste is a priority for this organization, and

Whereas, the Governor's Task Force on Waste Materials Recovery and Disposal recommended in December 2006 that state policy be developed to environmentally sound recycling and reuse of discarded televisions, monitors, laptops and desktop computers, and

Whereas producers, manufactures and retailers of these devices should share in the costs of recycling and proper end-of-life disposal of these products, and

Whereas, Senate Bill 107 has been introduced in the Wisconsin legislature as an act relating to the disposal, collection, and recycling of electronic devices, making an appropriation, and providing penalties, and

Whereas, Senate Bill 107 is consistent with the recommendations on electronic waste made by the Governor's Task Force on Waste Materials Recovery and Recycling, and

Whereas, this legislation aligns with AROW's mission of protecting the environment and preserving natural resources through waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting.

It is resolved that the Board of Directors of AROW supports the passage of Senate Bill 107, its enactment into law in Wisconsin and the development of a segregated fund for fees collected to administer and enforce the resulting law and regulations.

Resolved this 21st day of April, 2009.

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