

**SB 5503 - DIGEST**

Finds that: (1) Phosphorus loading of surface waters can stimulate the growth of weeds and algae. This growth can have adverse environmental, health, and aesthetic effects;

(2) Lawn fertilizers contribute to phosphorus loading;

(3) Turf fertilizers containing no or very low amounts of phosphorus are readily available; and

(4) While significant reductions of phosphorus from laundry detergent and dishwashing detergent have been achieved, similar progress in reducing phosphorus contributions from turf fertilizer has not been accomplished.

Declares an intent to significantly limit the use of fertilizers containing the plant nutrient phosphorus.

Prohibits a person, under certain conditions, from applying a fertilizer containing the plant nutrient phosphorus to turf.

Prohibits a person from applying a fertilizer to an impervious surface.

Provides penalties.