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## **Rep. Czaja Authors Bill to Protect Environment**

*Assembly Bill 15 passes the State Assembly*

(Madison) – On Tuesday, April 14th, Rep. Mary Czaja (R - Irma) applauded the passage of Senate Bill 15/Assembly Bill 15, legislation that restricts the manufacture and acceptance for sale of products containing microbeads.

SB 15/AB 15 is co-authored by Rep. Czaja, Rep. Joel Kitchens (R – Sturgeon Bay) and Sen. Rob Cowles (R – Green Bay), and was passed by widespread bipartisan support on the Assembly floor.

**“This is a no non-sense bill that is a win for our State’s natural resources.”** Czaja said. **“My fellow bill authors and I have worked diligently to strike the balance of providing needed environmental protections while recognizing the good-faith efforts of leading manufacturers who have already begun voluntarily phasing out this ingredient.”**

Many large corporations have already begun to disengage from using microbeads in their products. AB 15 will set a definitive timeline for the phasing out of these personal care products that will begin to take effect in 2017 by ending the manufacturing of products with microbeads and will prohibit the sale of products with microbeads in 2018.

**“AB 15 truly is common sense legislation that not only addresses public health concerns but also aids in the protection of our lakes and streams.”**

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