

Reps Back Phosphate Limitation

LANSING

A limit on the percentage of phosphates in laundry detergents sold in Michigan was passed by the State House with approval from Observerland's eight representatives.

The bill passed on Dec. 14 in a 99-2 vote.

Voting for passage were Reps. Richard Young (D-Deerborn Heights), John Bennett (D-Redford Township), Marvin Stampien (D-Livonia), James Tierney (D-Garden City), Thomas Brown (D-Westland), Raymond Baker (R-Farmington), Joseph Forbes (D-Oak Park) and James Defebaugh (R-Birmingham).

Believed to be the first of its kind, the bill will impose an 8.7 per cent limit on the amount of phosphates in laundry detergents and cleaning agents.

It would also give the State Water Resources Commission power to ban what it considers dangerous substitutes and puts the burden of proof on the manufacturer to prove the substitute doesn't harm health or the environment.

It would become effective on July 1, if signed by Gov. Milliken.



REWARDED FOR SERVICE — Veteran employees of St. Mary Hospital were rewarded with service medals at the annual staff Christmas Party. The presentations were made by Sister Mary Calasantia, executive director (third

from left). Those on the receiving end were (from left), Larry Schultz, Dr. Donald Brock, Elizabeth Lewis, Margaret Snurka and Fred Hawkins.

Hospital Honors Staff Veterans

Twenty members of the St. Mary Hospital staff with 10 or more years of service were the honored guests at the annual Christmas party and presented meritorious service awards.

The executive director, Sister Mary Calasantia, thanked them for their loyalty and called attention to the fact that many of them had seen service during the early days when there was a maze of problems.

Ten members of the group boasted 12 years of service: Ann Crowther, Clara Grendys, Elizabeth Lewis, Rose Repka, Ann Zywick, Mary Andrews, Constance Moody, Nettie

Ahrens, and Margaret Esther Pagela, Dr. Donald Brock and Mary Scott.

Six received 11 year awards: Helen Bliss, Irene Pomeroy, Larry Schultz, Theresa Hunter, Fred Hawkins and Glenna Snow.

Those with 10 years of service included Lucy Caramanna, Louise Howard,

The hospital recently celebrated its 12th anniversary with the laying of the cornerstone for a large addition now under construction and half of the honorees were there from the start.

Senate OKs Lottery Vote

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A proposal to let voters decide if they want to legalize lotteries and bingo in August of 1972 passed the Senate last week with support from Observerland's four senators.

The resolution was referred to the House to concur on a date for the election. Earlier the House passed the resolution to hold the election in November.

But since the Democrats are pushing for a primary election in April, it is possible the lottery vote could be set at that time.

Voting for the resolution were Sens. David Plawecki (D-Deerborn Heights), Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth), William Faust (D-Westland) and Daniel Cooper (D-Oak Park).

Tough Billboard Law Is Passed

LANSING

Local representatives voted last week to exert tighter control over the number of highway billboards.

When the bill cleared the House in a 73-19 vote, all Observerland's representatives

voted for it except Rep. James Tierney (D-Garden City) who didn't vote.

The bill gives the State Highway Department authority to remove signs which fail to meet state specifications on size, spacing and structure.

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