

Subject Recycling of solar and wind facilities

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Summary

House File 1040 requires producers of solar panels and wind energy conversion systems to develop and implement a product stewardship program to collect and recycle discarded solar and wind facilities. It prohibits the retail sale of such infrastructure in Minnesota unless the producer is participating in a stewardship plan that has been approved by the commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

The bill specifies the elements that must be present in a stewardship plan, which can be submitted to the agency by an individual producer or a stewardship organization composed of several producers. Producers must pay an annual fee to the agency to reimburse the agency's costs to administer the program.

The bill also prohibits a person from placing wind and solar infrastructure in mixed municipal solid waste or in a landfill.