

Subject Labeling Compostable and Biodegradable Products

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Overview

House File 1315 expands the current prohibition against labeling plastic bags as biodegradable or compostable unless the product is certified as meeting a standard established for those terms by the American Society for Testing and Materials, to include all bags, food or beverage products, and packaging.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>[325E.046] Standards for labeling bags, food or beverage products, and packaging.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Biodegradable label. Expands the scope of products subject to this subdivision from plastic bags to include all bags, as well as food or beverage products and packaging (“covered products”). Prohibits the sale of such products in the state if a product’s labeling implies that it will biodegrade or decompose until the American Society for Testing and Materials adopts a biodegradability standard and the product is certified as meeting it.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Compostable label. Expands the scope of products subject to this subdivision from plastic bags to include all bags, as well as food or beverage products and packaging. Prohibits the sale of such products in the state unless they have been certified as meeting standards established by the American Society for Testing and Materials regarding compostability, or the product is composed solely of wood or paper without coatings or additives. Specifies that the product must be labeled to indicate that it is intended to be disposed of at an industrial or commercial compost facility.</p> <p>Subd. 2a. Certification of products. Prohibits, beginning in 2026, the sale of covered products unless the product is certified as meeting the requirements of subdivision 1 or 2 by a nonprofit entity with technical expertise on these topics and that promotes the design of biodegradable/compostable products.</p> |
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Subd. 3. Enforcement; civil penalty; injunctive relief. Expands those subject to penalties for violating this section to include retailers, and allows for administrative as well as civil penalties.

Subd. 4. Definitions. Defines terms.

Provides that this section is effective January 1, 2025.



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