

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

Chapter 42 amends the 2007 law requiring manufacturers of computer screens and televisions to develop and implement a statewide program to collect and recycle these products in three respects:

1. Setting a limit on the use of recycling credits

Current law allows the weight of electronic products collected and recycled above a manufacturer's annual quota to be carried over and applied to future quotas for up to three years. Chapter 42 eliminates any time limit for carryovers, but provides that no more than 25 percent of a manufacturer's quota may be fulfilled through the use of recycling credits.

2. Calculating a manufacturer's recycling quota

Chapter 42 specifies that a manufacturer's recycling quota is calculated by multiplying the total weight of its national sales of computer screens and televisions by Minnesota's proportion of the U.S. population.

3. Reducing retailers' reporting requirements

Minnesota retailers are no longer required to report annual sales of computer screens and televisions, by brand, to manufacturers.