

# House Research Act Summary

**CHAPTER:** 225

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**TOPIC:** Recycling

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## Overview

Chapter 225 modifies recycling activities of state agencies and commercial buildings, and places restrictions on the disposal of certain medical waste.

### Section

- 1 **[115A.15] Subd. 2. Duties of commissioner of administration.** Strikes language requiring the commissioner of administration to develop and implement recycling procedures in state agencies and establish policies regarding reuse or sale of recycled materials.
- 2 **[115A.15] Subd. 9. Recycling goal.** Establishes that the recycling goal for state agencies in the metropolitan area is the higher of: (1) 60 percent by weight; (2) the recycling rate required of a metropolitan county (currently 50 percent, increasing to 75 percent in 2030); or (3) the rate embodied in the metropolitan solid waste management policy plan goals. Agencies located outside the metropolitan area must recycle at least 60 percent of their solid waste.
- 3 **[115A.15]. Subd. 10. Materials recovery facility; materials collection; waste audits.** Strikes language requiring the commissioner of administration to establish a materials recovery facility to manage recyclable materials collected from state offices, and to perform audits with respect to recycling activities. (The commissioner may contract with private entities for these activities.)
- 4 **[115A.151] Recycling requirements; public entities; commercial buildings.** Requires owners of commercial buildings located in the metropolitan area that contract for four cubic yards or more weekly of solid waste collection to collect at least three recyclable materials from those buildings, beginning in 2016.

**Section**

- 5**      **[116.78] Sharps.** Prohibits the placement of sharps (discarded medical items that can puncture skin and transmit infection) with recyclable materials.