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## Overview

This act prohibits the owner of a ground-mounted solar energy generating site with the capacity to generate more than 40 kilowatts from claiming that the site benefits gamebirds, songbirds, and pollinators unless the site adheres to specific guidance or standards provided by the Board of Water and Soil Resources. An owner who makes this claim must also submit a copy of the site management plan to a nonprofit Minnesota solar trade association and must make the plan available to the general public.

This language was also enacted as part of the 2016 omnibus agricultural policy act (Laws of Minnesota 2016, ch. 184, § 9).