

# Chapter 4

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Subject Environment

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## Overview

This act provides certain tax exemption protections and appropriation extensions. It also requires a pilot study on increasing access to wildlife management areas (WMAs).

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>Protecting tax exemptions for solid waste management; recyclable materials and source-separated compostable materials.</b></p> <p>Authorizes the commissioners of revenue and the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) to suspend the requirement that less than 15 percent of mixed municipal solid waste received by recycling or composting facilities be disposed of rather than recycled or composted, provided that the reason for being unable to meet the requirement is related to operational changes implemented to address the COVID-19 virus, thus allowing those materials to retain their exemption from the solid waste management tax.</p>
2	<p><b>Environment and natural resources trust fund; extensions.</b></p> <p>Provides a process for recipients of an appropriation from the environment and natural resources trust fund that is set to expire June 30, 2020, to receive a one-year extension. A recipient must notify the Legislative-Citizen Committee on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) and modify the applicable work plan.</p>
3	<p><b>Accessibility of wildlife management areas.</b></p> <p>Requires the DNR to work with the Council on Disability and others to develop recommendations for legislation designed to increase access to WMAs, including increased opportunities for persons with disabilities to use motorized vehicles or other mobility aids. Requires the recommendations to be submitted to the legislature by February 15, 2021. Requires the DNR to pilot an accessibility project on at least one WMA by October 1, 2020, that reduces barriers to accessing WMAs.</p>



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