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Section

1 **[115A.931] Yard waste prohibition.** Requires that after September 1, 2009, any plastic bag containing yard waste that is delivered to a yard waste compost facility in the seven-county metropolitan area and not removed from the facility must meet the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard for compostable plastics.

2 **[325E.046] Biodegradable standard for plastic bags.**

Subd. 1. Prohibition. Prohibits the manufacture or import into Minnesota for sale a plastic bag labeled "compostable," biodegradable" or "degradable" that does not meet the ASTM standard for compostable plastics.

Subd. 2. Enforcement; civil penalty; injunctive relief. Provides that a person violating subdivision 1 is subject to a civil penalty of $100 per violation, up to $5,000, and may be enjoined from such violations.

3 **Rulemaking.** Requires the agency to adopt rules by October 1, 2009, to create a permit issuing process to site demonstration source-separated compost facilities.