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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, or containing yard waste generated in the seven-county metropolitan area and delivered to another county, and in either case 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,” “degradable,” or a similar term 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. Permits the attorney general to enforce subdivision 1.