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Section

- 1** [13.7411] **Subd. 3. Pollution Control Agency.** Provides that data submitted to the commissioner by paint manufacturers or their representative organization is classified as nonpublic data, although summary data may be released.
- 2** [115A.1331] **Paint stewardship pilot program.**
 - Subd. 1. Purpose.** States that the purpose of this section is to allow paint manufacturers to establish a pilot program to collect and process post-consumer paint for environmentally-sound end-of-life management.
 - Subd. 2. Definitions.** “Architectural paint” means interior and exterior paint for commercial or homeowner use.
 - Subd. 3. Pilot program.** Requires implementation of a pilot program by September 1, 2009. Specifies that an assessment, approved by the commissioner and sufficient to recover, but not exceed, the costs of the program, must be placed on each container of architectural paint. Educational materials regarding the assessment and the program will be provided to Minnesota consumers.
- 3** [115A.1332] **Conduct authorized.** Allows a paint manufacturer or an organization of paint manufacturers who organizes a pilot program to engage in anticompetitive conduct only to the extent necessary to plan and implement the program.
- 4** [115A.1333] **Reports.** Requires paint manufacturers to submit a report to the commissioner by October 15, 2010, describing the pilot program, including the amount of paint collected in all parts of the state, how it was collected, transported and processed, the total cost of the program, and an evaluation of the program’s funding mechanism.

Requires the commissioner to submit a report by January 15, 2011, to legislative committees overseeing waste policy describing the results of the pilot program, making

suggestions for improvements, and recommending whether it should be made permanent. The report must include an estimate of savings to government waste programs resulting from the pilot program.