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Overview

This bill provides regulatory incentives and requirements for the product stewardship of waste electronic products such as televisions and computer monitors.

Section

1 **Product stewardship of waste electronic products.**

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines "electronic products" to include televisions, computer monitors, laptop computers, central processing units and printers.

Subd. 2. Prohibitions. Prohibits the placement of electronic products in mixed municipal solid waste effective July 1, 2004.

Subd. 3. State Purchasing. Establishes criteria for vendors or manufacturers of electronic products to be able to bid on state contracts for such products. Specifies that only those vendors or manufacturers of the following electronic products may bid:

- products by manufacturers that participate in a national recovery and recycling program for electronics products;

- products by vendors or manufacturers who provide take-back and management service for their products; and

- products that minimize the use of toxic and hazardous constituents, utilize recycled content, and can be easily recycled.

Subd. 4. Anti-competitive conduct. Provides statutory immunity from anti-trust liability for those companies that participate in programs to collect and properly manage waste electronic products, for activities related to the collection and management of those products.

Subd. 5. Requirements in the absence of a national program. Specifies that, if the director of the office of environmental assistance does not find that an agreement to establish a national recovery and recycling system for used electronic products is implemented in Minnesota by July

1, 2003, the following restrictions apply:

a manufacturer of electronic products is responsible for the costs of collecting and managing its products;

by January 1, 2004, the manufacturers of electronic products shall implement programs to collect 90 percent of their waste electronic products generated in the state;

by February 1 of each year, each manufacturer of electronic products shall provide information to the OEA detailing compliance with this section.

Authorizes a manufacturer or organization of manufacturers to contract with the state or political subdivision of the state to provide collection services under this subdivision.