

Subject Carpet recycling

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Overview

House File 2267 requires carpet manufacturers selling their product in Minnesota to, individually or collectively, organize, implement, and finance a program to collect and recycle used carpet. This “product stewardship” model is currently being used for electronic waste and used paint.

Carpet manufacturers must submit a plan to the Pollution Control Agency before March 20, 2021, that contains:

- certification that all discarded carpet, regardless of manufacturer, will be collected;
- a description of how, without the imposition of any end-of-life fees, the collection, transportation, and recycling processes will operate;
- a proposed stewardship assessment to be placed on all carpet sold in the state, reviewed by an independent auditor, to pay for the costs of the program;
- five-year performance goals and estimates of the proportion of discarded carpet that will be recycled each year; and
- carpet design changes that may reduce its toxicity, reduce water and energy used to manufacture carpet, and ways to increase carpet’s recyclability.

The agency must approve all stewardship plans, and any changes made to them.

No carpet may be sold in the state after July 1, 2021, unless its producer is participating in an approved stewardship plan.

Carpet manufacturers must add the stewardship assessment to the cost of carpet sold to distributors and retailers of carpet sold in the state.

Carpet producers must report annually to the agency regarding the operation of the program. Sales information provided to the agency is private or nonpublic data.

The agency must post on its website carpet producers and brands that comply with this act and those who are noncompliant.

The stewardship organization must pay an annual fee to the agency to cover the agency's administration and enforcement costs. The agency may establish a variable fee based on the amount of carpet sold in the state or other factors. The agency must also set a one-time fee to be paid by producers to cover any administrative costs incurred before stewardship plans are submitted.



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