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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy  
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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to solid waste; establishing program to collect and recycle electronic waste;  
1.3 creating accounts; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes 2022, sections 115A.1310; 115A.1312; 115A.1314; 115A.1318;  
1.5 115A.1320; 115A.1322; 115A.1324; 115A.1326; 115A.1330; proposing coding  
1.6 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A; repealing Minnesota Statutes  
1.7 2022, section 115A.1316, subdivisions 1, 2, 3.

1.8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 115A.1310, is amended to read:

1.10 **115A.1310 DEFINITIONS.**

1.11 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330, the  
1.12 following terms have the meanings given.

1.13 Subd. 2. **Cathode-ray tube or CRT.** "Cathode-ray tube" or "CRT" means a vacuum  
1.14 tube or picture tube used to convert an electronic signal into a visual image.

1.15 Subd. 2a. **Central processing unit.** "Central processing unit" means a computer's main  
1.16 processor that uses electronic circuitry to carry instructions of a computer program to control  
1.17 operations.

1.18 Subd. 2b. **Clearinghouse.** "Clearinghouse" means an organization that is under contract  
1.19 to the agency to develop, finance, and operate a plan to collect, transport, and recycle covered  
1.20 electronic devices that is approved by the agency under section 115A.1311, subdivision 5.

1.21 Subd. 3. **Collection.** "Collection" means the aggregation of covered electronic devices  
1.22 from ~~households~~ covered entities and includes all ~~the activities up to the time~~ conducted  
1.23 before the delivery of the covered electronic devices ~~are delivered~~ to a recycler.

2.1 Subd. 3a. **Collection site.** "Collection site" means a temporary or permanent site at which  
2.2 collection of covered electronic devices takes place.

2.3 Subd. 4. **Collector.** "Collector" means a public or private entity that receives covered  
2.4 electronic devices from ~~households~~ covered entities and arranges for the delivery of the  
2.5 devices to a recycler.

2.6 Subd. 5. **Computer.** "Computer" means an electronic, magnetic, optical, electrochemical,  
2.7 or other high-speed data processing device performing logical, arithmetic, or storage  
2.8 functions, but does not include an automated typewriter or typesetter, a portable handheld  
2.9 calculator or device, or other similar device.

2.10 Subd. 6. **Computer monitor.** "Computer monitor" means an electronic device that is a  
2.11 cathode-ray tube or flat panel display primarily intended to display information from a  
2.12 central processing unit or the Internet.

2.13 Subd. 7. **Covered electronic device.** (a) "Covered electronic device" means ~~computers,~~  
2.14 ~~including tablet computers and laptop computers, peripherals, facsimile machines, DVD~~  
2.15 ~~players, video cassette recorders, and video display devices that are a television; computer,~~  
2.16 ~~including a tablet or laptop computer; computer monitor; peripheral; facsimile machine; or~~  
2.17 ~~gaming console sold to a household by means of retail, wholesale, or electronic commerce~~  
2.18 ~~covered entity.~~

2.19 (b) "Covered electronic device" does not include:

2.20 (1) a motor vehicle or any part thereof;

2.21 (2) a camera or video camera;

2.22 (3) a portable or stationary radio;

2.23 (4) a telephone of any type;

2.24 (5) a household appliance, including but not limited to a clothes washer, clothes dryer,  
2.25 water heater, refrigerator, freezer, microwave oven, oven, range, or dishwasher;

2.26 (6) equipment that is functionally or physically part of a larger piece of equipment  
2.27 intended for use in an industrial, research and development, or commercial setting;

2.28 (7) security or antiterrorism equipment;

2.29 (8) a monitoring and control instrument or system;

2.30 (9) a thermostat;

2.31 (10) a handheld transceiver;

3.1 (11) a portable digital assistant or similar device;

3.2 (12) a calculator;

3.3 (13) a global positioning system receiver or similar navigation device;

3.4 (14) commercial medical equipment that contains a cathode ray tube, a cathode ray tube  
3.5 device, a flat panel display, or similar video display that is not separate from the larger piece  
3.6 of equipment;

3.7 (15) an unmanned aerial vehicle, as defined in section 243.552, subdivision 1; or

3.8 (16) other medical devices, as the term "device" is defined under United States Code,  
3.9 title 21, section 321, paragraph (h), of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended.

3.10 Subd. 7a. **Covered entity.** "Covered entity" means a household or a business with fewer  
3.11 than ten employees located in this state.

3.12 Subd. 8. **Department.** "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

3.13 Subd. 8a. **Downstream recycling operations.** "Downstream recycling operations"  
3.14 means additional recycling operations conducted on partially recycled covered electronic  
3.15 devices by a recycler different from the recycler to whom a collector originally sends  
3.16 electronic waste.

3.17 Subd. 9. **Dwelling unit.** "Dwelling unit" has the meaning given in section 238.02,  
3.18 subdivision 21a.

3.19 Subd. 9a. **Electronic product environmental assessment tool or EPEAT.** "Electronic  
3.20 product environmental assessment tool" or "EPEAT" means a Type I environmental label  
3.21 managed by the Global Electronics Council that registers electronics products that meet  
3.22 lifecycle environmental and social criteria established by the Global Electronics Council.

3.23 Subd. 9b. **Electronics recyclables.** "Electronics recyclables" has the meaning given in  
3.24 section 115A.1331.

3.25 Subd. 9c. **Gaming console.** "Gaming console" means a computer system designed for  
3.26 interactive video gameplay and display.

3.27 Subd. 10. **Household.** "Household" means an occupant of a single detached dwelling  
3.28 unit or a single unit of a multiple dwelling unit located in this state who has used a ~~video~~  
3.29 ~~display~~ covered electronic device at a dwelling unit primarily for personal use.

3.30 Subd. 11. **Manufacturer.** (a) "Manufacturer" means a person ~~who~~ that:

4.1 (1) manufactures ~~video display~~ or has manufactured covered electronic devices to be  
4.2 sold under its own brand as identified by its own brand label; or

4.3 (2) sells ~~video display~~ or has sold covered electronic devices manufactured by others  
4.4 under its own brand as identified by its own brand label;

4.5 (3) owns or has owned a brand name that it licenses or has licensed to another person  
4.6 for use on a covered electronic device sold in this state;

4.7 (4) imports or has imported into the United States for sale in this state a covered electronic  
4.8 device manufactured outside the United States;

4.9 (5) manufactures or has manufactured covered electronic devices for sale in this state  
4.10 without affixing a brand name to them; or

4.11 (6) notifies the agency that the person is assuming the responsibilities, obligations, and  
4.12 liabilities of a manufacturer by conducting one or more of the activities in clauses (1) to  
4.13 (5).

4.14 (b) "Manufacturer" does not include a person that manufactures computer peripherals  
4.15 or facsimile machines unless the person also manufactures computers, computer monitors,  
4.16 gaming consoles, or televisions.

4.17 Subd. 11a. **Market share.** "Market share" means the proportion, by weight, of covered  
4.18 electronic devices sold by a manufacturer to a covered entity in Minnesota in a given program  
4.19 year, as determined by the agency.

4.20 Subd. 12. **Peripheral.** "Peripheral" means a keyboard, printer, video cassette recorder,  
4.21 DVD player, or any other device that is sold exclusively for external use with a computer  
4.22 or television and that provides input into or output into or from a computer or television. A  
4.23 gaming console is not a peripheral.

4.24 Subd. 12a. **Phase I recycling credits.** "Phase I recycling credits" means the number of  
4.25 pounds of covered electronic devices recycled by a manufacturer from households during  
4.26 program years one through nine, less the product of the number of pounds of video display  
4.27 devices sold to households during the same program year, multiplied by the proportion of  
4.28 sales a manufacturer is required to recycle.

4.29 Subd. 12b. **Phase II recycling credits.** "Phase II recycling credits" means an amount  
4.30 calculated in a program year beginning July 1, 2019, and in each program year thereafter  
4.31 ending June 30, 2024, according to the formula  $(1.5 \times A) - (B - C)$ , where:

5.1 A = the number of pounds of covered electronic devices a manufacturer recycled or  
5.2 arranged to have collected and recycled during a program year from households located  
5.3 outside the ~~11-county metropolitan area, as defined in section 115A.1314, subdivision 2~~  
5.4 counties of Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne,  
5.5 Washington, and Wright;

5.6 B = the manufacturer's recycling obligation calculated for the same program year in  
5.7 section 115A.1320, subdivision 1, paragraph (g); and

5.8 C = the number of pounds of covered electronic devices a manufacturer recycled or  
5.9 arranged to have collected and recycled, up to but not exceeding B, during the same program  
5.10 year from households in the ~~11-county metropolitan area~~ 11 counties identified in this  
5.11 subdivision.

5.12 Subd. 12c. **Portable battery.** "Portable battery" means a rechargeable battery as defined  
5.13 in section 115A.9157.

5.14 Subd. 12d. **Plan.** "Plan" means a plan to develop, finance, and operate a program to  
5.15 collect, transport, and recycle covered electronic devices in this state on behalf of  
5.16 manufacturers.

5.17 Subd. 13. **Program year.** "Program year" means the period from ~~July~~ January 1 through  
5.18 ~~June 30~~ December 31.

5.19 Subd. 14. **Recycler.** "Recycler" means ~~a public or private individual or entity who accepts~~  
5.20 ~~covered electronic devices from households and collectors for the purpose of recycling. A~~  
5.21 ~~manufacturer who takes products for refurbishment or repair is not a recycler~~ person engaged  
5.22 in recycling covered electronic devices under a plan approved by the agency under section  
5.23 115A.1311, subdivision 5, whose recycling operations are certified as meeting an  
5.24 environmentally sound management standard by a certification body accredited by the  
5.25 American National Standards Institute-American Society for Quality.

5.26 Subd. 15. **Recycling.** (a) "Recycling" means ~~the process of collecting and preparing~~  
5.27 ~~video display devices or:~~

5.28 (1) ~~disassembling, dismantling, or shredding covered electronic devices for use in~~  
5.29 ~~manufacturing processes or for recovery of usable materials followed by delivery of to~~  
5.30 recover certain materials and delivering such materials for further processing or use; or

5.31 (2) salvaging components of covered electronic devices for use in new products and  
5.32 delivering such components for further processing or use.

5.33 (b) Recycling does not include:

6.1 (1) the destruction by incineration or other process or land disposal of recyclable materials  
6.2 ~~not~~ retrieved from covered electronic devices;

6.3 (2) reuse;<sup>2</sup>

6.4 (3) repair;<sup>2</sup> or

6.5 (4) any other process through which ~~video display devices or~~ covered electronic devices  
6.6 are ~~returned to use for households~~ enabled to be reused in their original form.

6.7 Subd. 16. Reuse. "Reuse" means:

6.8 (1) the repair, refurbishment, or enhancement of a covered electronic device that enables  
6.9 it to be offered for sale for the same purpose for which it was originally manufactured; or

6.10 (2) the offering for sale of a discarded covered electronic device or any of its components  
6.11 that have not undergone repair, refurbishment, or enhancement.

6.12 Subd. 17. **Retailer.** "Retailer" means a person ~~who~~ that sells, rents, or leases, ~~through~~  
6.13 ~~sales outlets, catalogs, or the Internet~~ but not for resale in any form, a video display covered  
6.14 electronic device to a household and not for resale in any form covered entity.

6.15 Subd. 18. **Sell or sale.** "Sell" or "sale" means any transfer for consideration of title or  
6.16 of the right to use, by lease or sales contract, including, but not limited to, transactions  
6.17 conducted through sales outlets, catalogs, or the Internet, or any other similar electronic  
6.18 means either inside or outside of the state, by a person who conducts the transaction and  
6.19 controls the delivery of a ~~video display~~ covered electronic device to a consumer in the state,  
6.20 but does not include a manufacturer's or distributor's wholesale transaction with a distributor  
6.21 or a retailer.

6.22 Subd. 19. **Television.** "Television" means ~~an electronic device that is a cathode-ray tube~~  
6.23 ~~or flat panel display primarily intended to receive video programming via broadcast, cable,~~  
6.24 ~~or satellite transmission or video from surveillance or other similar cameras~~ any  
6.25 telecommunications system or device that contains a cathode-ray tube or other type of  
6.26 display system with a viewable area greater than four inches when measured diagonally  
6.27 and that can broadcast or receive moving pictures and sound over a distance, including a  
6.28 television tuner or display device peripheral to a computer that contains a television tuner.

6.29 Subd. 20. **Video display device.** "Video display device" means a television or computer  
6.30 monitor that contains a cathode-ray tube or a flat panel screen that is marketed by  
6.31 manufacturers for use by households. Video display device does not include any of the  
6.32 following:

7.1 (1) a video display device that is part of a motor vehicle or any component part of a  
7.2 motor vehicle assembled by, or for, a vehicle manufacturer or franchised dealer, including  
7.3 replacement parts for use in a motor vehicle;

7.4 (2) a video display device, including a touch-screen display, that is functionally or  
7.5 physically part of a larger piece of equipment or is designed and intended for use in an  
7.6 industrial; commercial, including retail; library checkout; traffic control; kiosk; security,  
7.7 other than household security; border control; or medical setting, including diagnostic,  
7.8 monitoring, or control equipment;

7.9 (3) a video display device that is contained within a clothes washer, clothes dryer,  
7.10 refrigerator, refrigerator and freezer, microwave oven, conventional oven or range,  
7.11 dishwasher, room air conditioner, dehumidifier, or air purifier; or

7.12 (4) a telephone of any type.

7.13 Subd. 21. **Transition year.** "Transition year" means the period from July 1, 2025, through  
7.14 December 31, 2026.

7.15 Subd. 22. **Type I environmental label.** "Type I environmental label" means a label  
7.16 awarded to a product that meets the eligibility requirements established by the American  
7.17 National Standards Institute National Accreditation Board with respect to environmental  
7.18 standards and performance.

7.19 Sec. 2. **[115A.1311] COVERED ELECTRONIC DEVICE RECYCLING; REQUIRED**  
7.20 **PLAN.**

7.21 Subdivision 1. **Participation required to sell.** (a) On and after January 1, 2027, no  
7.22 manufacturer required to pay a registration fee under section 115A.1314 may sell or offer  
7.23 for sale in this state a covered electronic device unless the manufacturer of the covered  
7.24 electronic device participates in a plan approved by the agency.

7.25 (b) On and after January 1, 2027, no retailer may sell or offer for sale in this state a  
7.26 covered electronic device unless the retailer determines that the manufacturer of the covered  
7.27 electronic device is in compliance with paragraph (a).

7.28 Subd. 2. **Plan required.** On or before January 1, 2027, or before first offering a covered  
7.29 electronic device for sale in this state, a manufacturer must enter into an agreement with a  
7.30 clearinghouse to operate under a plan.

7.31 Subd. 3. **Plan; content.** The agency may not approve a plan unless it contains, at a  
7.32 minimum, all of the following elements:

8.1 (1) certification from each manufacturer proposing to operate under the plan that it will  
8.2 abide by the plan's provisions;

8.3 (2) contact information for a person administrating the plan;

8.4 (3) the provision of sufficient permanent collection sites so that at least 90 percent of  
8.5 the state population resides within a 15-mile radius of a permanent collection site;

8.6 (4) in addition to complying with the requirement of clause (3), the establishment of one  
8.7 additional permanent collection site in each unique geographical area that contains 30,000  
8.8 or more residents within a 15-mile radius of the collection site;

8.9 (5) a description of additional activities, including temporary collection sites and  
8.10 collection events, that will be employed to collect covered electronic devices;

8.11 (6) a requirement that each recycler under contract to a manufacturer operating under  
8.12 the plan is certified by a third-party organization that has been accredited by the American  
8.13 National Standards Institute's National Accreditation Board as operating under an  
8.14 environmentally sound management standard;

8.15 (7) requirements that collection sites:

8.16 (i) accept all covered electronic devices received from covered entities at no cost; and

8.17 (ii) be staffed and open during hours convenient to the public and sufficient to meet the  
8.18 needs of the area served;

8.19 (8) contact information for each manufacturer participating in the plan and the brands  
8.20 of covered electronic devices sold in this state by each manufacturer;

8.21 (9) a description of the methods by which discarded covered electronic devices will be  
8.22 collected in all areas in the state without relying on end-of-life fees, including an explanation  
8.23 of how the collection system will be convenient and adequate to serve the needs of covered  
8.24 entities in both urban and rural areas on an ongoing basis and a discussion of how existing  
8.25 solid waste facilities and household hazardous waste infrastructure will be included when  
8.26 establishing collection sites;

8.27 (10) a schedule under which collectors, transporters, and recyclers are to be reimbursed;

8.28 (11) measures to ensure that collectors are compensated fairly for collecting, storing,  
8.29 and managing covered electronic devices;

8.30 (12) a requirement that each political subdivision that operates a collection site within  
8.31 the area in which covered electronic devices are collected under the plan;



- 9.1 (i) is offered the option to participate under the plan; and
- 9.2 (ii) if agreeing to participate under the plan, enters into an agreement with the  
9.3 clearinghouse under a uniform contract offered by the clearinghouse for all such collection  
9.4 sites;
- 9.5 (13) a list of all collection sites operated by political subdivisions that agree to collect  
9.6 covered electronic devices under the plan;
- 9.7 (14) a description of how the operation of the collection program will be monitored and  
9.8 evaluated;
- 9.9 (15) the names and locations of collectors and recyclers that will manage discarded  
9.10 covered electronic devices;
- 9.11 (16) a description of how discarded covered electronic devices will be safely, securely,  
9.12 and efficiently consolidated, transferred, transported, tracked, and handled from collection  
9.13 through final recycling and processing including:
- 9.14 (i) establishing consolidation and transfer capacity; and
- 9.15 (ii) providing assurance that transportation of covered electronic devices from collectors  
9.16 to recyclers is arranged within two business days of a request;
- 9.17 (17) a description of the methods that will be used to deconstruct or recycle the covered  
9.18 electronic devices;
- 9.19 (18) a description of promotion and outreach activities that will be employed to encourage  
9.20 public participation in the collection and recycling programs and how the effectiveness of  
9.21 those activities will be evaluated and the program modified, if necessary;
- 9.22 (19) evidence that adequate insurance and financial assurance for collection, handling,  
9.23 and disposal operations are in place;
- 9.24 (20) five-year operational goals, including an estimate of the percentage of discarded  
9.25 covered electronic devices that will be collected, reused, and recycled during each of the  
9.26 first five years of the plan and a specific goal for the weight of discarded covered electronic  
9.27 devices that will be collected and recycled or reused during each year. The operational goals  
9.28 must be based on:
- 9.29 (i) the estimated amount of covered electronic devices disposed of annually;
- 9.30 (ii) the most recent data on covered electronic devices collected in this state;

10.1 (iii) the weight of covered electronic devices expected to be available for collection  
10.2 annually; and

10.3 (iv) actual collection data from existing electronic waste collection and recycling  
10.4 programs operating in other jurisdictions.

10.5 The plan must state the methodology used to determine the operational goals; and

10.6 (21) a discussion of the status of end markets for materials recovered from recycled  
10.7 covered electronic devices and what, if any, additional end markets are needed to improve  
10.8 the functioning of the program.

10.9 Subd. 4. **Mail-back option; content.** A clearinghouse may, as part of a plan submitted  
10.10 to the commissioner for approval under this section, offer covered entities an option to mail  
10.11 back to the manufacturer, at no cost to a covered entity, a discarded covered electronic  
10.12 device manufactured by the manufacturer. A mail-back plan must:

10.13 (1) allow a covered entity to access and print a prepaid shipping label from the  
10.14 manufacturer's website that may be affixed to a package containing the discarded covered  
10.15 electronic device for shipping by a carrier selected by the manufacturer; and

10.16 (2) meet the requirements of subdivision 3, clauses (2), (6), (8), and (14) to (20).

10.17 Subd. 5. **Plan approval process; administration.** (a) Within 15 days of receiving a  
10.18 plan submitted for review, the commissioner must post the plan on the agency's website for  
10.19 public review. Written comments on the plan by the public must be filed with the agency  
10.20 no later than 45 days after the plan is posted.

10.21 (b) Within 90 days of receiving a plan submitted for review, the commissioner must  
10.22 approve, reject, or modify the plan and must notify the plan's applicants of the action in  
10.23 writing, including the reasons for the decision, within 15 days of the decision. Applicants  
10.24 whose plan is rejected by the commissioner must submit a revised plan to the commissioner  
10.25 within 60 days of receiving a notice of rejection. If the revised plan does not meet the  
10.26 requirements of this section, as determined by the commissioner, the commissioner must  
10.27 modify the revised plan accordingly and must approve the revised plan.

10.28 (c) No manufacturer may operate under a plan that has not been approved by the  
10.29 commissioner. Any modifications to an approved plan proposed by a clearinghouse must  
10.30 be reviewed by the commissioner according to this subdivision.

10.31 (d) No later than 90 days before the fifth anniversary of a plan's approval, the plan, with  
10.32 or without revisions, must be resubmitted to the commissioner for review and approval  
10.33 under the process established in this subdivision.

11.1 (e) The commissioner may not approve a plan that the commissioner determines does  
11.2 not meet the requirements of subdivision 3.

11.3 Subd. 6. **Implementation deficiencies; correction process.** (a) If at any time the  
11.4 commissioner determines that an approved plan is not being implemented in an efficient  
11.5 and effective manner, the commissioner must provide in writing to the clearinghouse and  
11.6 to each manufacturer participating in the plan an assessment of the deficiencies and  
11.7 recommendations for improvement. Within 30 days of receiving the assessment, the  
11.8 clearinghouse must respond in writing to the commissioner, indicating the changes that will  
11.9 be implemented to address the deficiencies noted in the assessment.

11.10 (b) No later than 90 days after submitting a response under paragraph (a), the  
11.11 clearinghouse must submit to the commissioner in writing information documenting the  
11.12 changes that were implemented to address the deficiencies noted in the assessment and any  
11.13 information regarding the effect of the implemented changes on program operations.

11.14 (c) If the commissioner determines that the changes implemented are insufficient to  
11.15 address the deficiencies, the commissioner, after providing written notice to the clearinghouse  
11.16 and to each manufacturer participating in the plan, may:

11.17 (1) require the manufacturers participating in the plan to select another clearinghouse  
11.18 to implement the plan; or

11.19 (2) contract with a third party to implement and administer the plan. In contracting for  
11.20 implementation and administration of the plan, the commissioner must review the costs  
11.21 incurred by similar electronic waste collection and recycling programs in other states. The  
11.22 commissioner may modify the plan if bids received in response to a request for proposal  
11.23 exceed the average cost of collection and recycling incurred by similar electronic waste  
11.24 collection and recycling programs in other states. Manufacturers participating in a plan must  
11.25 pay the full administrative and implementation costs of the clearinghouse under any option  
11.26 provided in this paragraph.

11.27 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 115A.1312, is amended to read:

11.28 **115A.1312 REGISTRATION PROGRAM.**

11.29 Subdivision 1. **Requirements for sale.** ~~(a) On or after September 1, 2007~~ January 1,  
11.30 2027, a manufacturer must not sell or offer for sale or deliver to retailers for subsequent  
11.31 sale a ~~new video display~~ covered electronic device unless:

11.32 (1) the ~~video display~~ covered electronic device is labeled with the manufacturer's brand,  
11.33 which label is permanently affixed and readily visible; and

12.1 (2) the manufacturer has filed a registration with the agency, as specified in subdivision  
12.2 2.

12.3 ~~(b) A retailer must not sell, offer for sale, rent, or lease a video display device unless~~  
12.4 ~~the video display device is labeled according to this subdivision and listed as registered on~~  
12.5 ~~the agency website according to subdivision 2.~~

12.6 ~~(c) A retailer is not responsible for an unlawful sale under this subdivision if the~~  
12.7 ~~manufacturer's registration expired or was revoked and the retailer took possession of the~~  
12.8 ~~video display device prior to the expiration or revocation of the manufacturer's registration~~  
12.9 ~~and the unlawful sale occurred within six months after the expiration or revocation.~~

12.10 Subd. 2. **Manufacturer registration.** (a) By ~~August~~ October 15 each year, a manufacturer  
12.11 of ~~video display~~ covered electronic devices sold or offered for sale to households covered  
12.12 entities in the this state must submit a registration to the agency on a form prescribed by  
12.13 the commissioner that includes:

12.14 (1) a list of the manufacturer's brands of ~~video display~~ covered electronic devices offered  
12.15 for sale in this state;

12.16 (2) the name, address, and contact information of a person responsible for ensuring  
12.17 compliance with this chapter; and

12.18 (3) a certification that the manufacturer ~~has complied and will continue to comply with~~  
12.19 ~~the requirements of sections 115A.1312 to 115A.1318~~ will operate under the plan approved  
12.20 by the commissioner.

12.21 (b) A manufacturer of ~~video display devices sold or offered for sale to a household must~~  
12.22 ~~include in the registration submitted under paragraph (a), a statement disclosing whether:~~

12.23 ~~(1) any video display devices sold to households exceed~~ may not sell a covered electronic  
12.24 device in this state that exceeds the maximum concentration values established for lead,  
12.25 mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB's), and  
12.26 polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE's) under the RoHS (restricting the use of certain  
12.27 hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment) Directive 2002/95/EC of the  
12.28 European Parliament and Council and any amendments thereto; ~~or~~

12.29 ~~(2) unless~~ the manufacturer has received an exemption from one or more of those  
12.30 maximum concentration values under the RoHS Directive that has been approved ~~and~~  
12.31 ~~published by the European Commission~~ by the commissioner.

12.32 (c) A manufacturer who ~~begins to sell or offer for sale video display devices to households~~  
12.33 ~~after August 15, 2016, and~~ has not filed a registration under this subdivision must submit

13.1 a registration to the ~~agency commissioner~~ within ten days of beginning to sell or offer for  
13.2 sale ~~video display~~ covered electronic devices to households covered entities.

13.3 (d) A ~~registration manufacturer~~ must be updated file an updated registration with the  
13.4 commissioner within ten days after a change in the manufacturer's brands of ~~video display~~  
13.5 covered electronic devices sold or offered for sale to households covered entities.

13.6 (e) A registration is effective upon receipt by the ~~agency commissioner~~ and is valid until  
13.7 ~~August~~ October 15 each year.

13.8 (f) The agency must review each registration and notify the manufacturer of any  
13.9 information required by this section that is omitted from the registration. Within 30 days  
13.10 of receipt of a notification from the agency, the manufacturer must submit a revised  
13.11 registration providing the information noted by the agency.

13.12 (g) The agency must maintain on its website the names of manufacturers and the  
13.13 manufacturers' brands listed in registrations filed with the agency. The agency must update  
13.14 the website information promptly upon receipt of a new or updated registration. The website  
13.15 must contain prominent language stating, ~~in effect,~~ that:

13.16 (1) sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330 are directed at household equipment apply only  
13.17 to covered electronic devices sold to covered entities; and

13.18 (2) the manufacturers' brands list is, therefore, not a list of manufacturers qualified to  
13.19 sell to industrial, commercial, or other markets identified as exempt from the requirements  
13.20 of sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330.

13.21 Subd. 3. **Collector registration.** No person may operate as a collector of covered  
13.22 electronic devices or electronics recyclables from ~~households~~ covered entities unless that  
13.23 person has submitted a registration with the agency by ~~July~~ January 15 each year on a form  
13.24 prescribed by the commissioner. Registration information must include the name, address,  
13.25 telephone number, and location of the business and a certification that the collector has  
13.26 complied and will continue to comply with the requirements of sections 115A.1312 to  
13.27 115A.1318 and 115A.1331 to 115A.1337, as applicable, and any regulations adopted by a  
13.28 local government unit ~~for~~ that apply to the jurisdiction in which the collector operates. A  
13.29 ~~collector must indicate any end-of-life fees that will be charged at the collection point.~~ A  
13.30 registration is effective upon receipt by the agency and is valid until ~~July~~ January 15 each  
13.31 year. A collector may submit a single registration under this subdivision to collect covered  
13.32 electronic devices, electronics recyclables, or both.

14.1 Subd. 4. **Recycler registration.** No person may recycle ~~video display~~ covered electronic  
 14.2 devices or electronics recyclables generated by ~~households~~ covered entities unless that  
 14.3 person has submitted a registration with the agency by ~~July~~ October 15 each year on a form  
 14.4 prescribed by the commissioner. Registration information must include the name, address,  
 14.5 telephone number, and location of all recycling facilities under the direct control of the  
 14.6 recycler that may receive covered electronic devices or electronics recyclables from  
 14.7 ~~households~~ covered entities and a certification that the recycler has complied and will  
 14.8 continue to comply with the requirements of sections 115A.1312 to ~~115A.1318~~ 115A.1337,  
 14.9 as applicable. A registered recycler must conduct recycling activities that are consistent  
 14.10 with this chapter. A registration is effective upon receipt by the agency and is valid until  
 14.11 ~~July~~ October 15 each year. A recycler may submit a single registration under this subdivision  
 14.12 to recycle covered electronic devices, electronics recyclables, or both.

14.13 Subd. 5. **Dual registration.** A person conducting both collection and recycling activities  
 14.14 may register under both subdivisions 3 and 4.

14.15 Subd. 6. **Denial of registration.** The commissioner may deny a registration under  
 14.16 subdivision 3 or 4 if the collector or recycler or an employee or officer of the collector or  
 14.17 recycler has, as determined by the commissioner, a history of:

14.18 (1) repeated violations of federal, state, or local laws, regulations, standards, or ordinances  
 14.19 related to the collection, recycling, or other management of electronics recyclables;

14.20 (2) gross carelessness or incompetence in handling, storing, processing, transporting,  
 14.21 disposing of, or otherwise managing electronics recyclables, as determined by the  
 14.22 commissioner; or

14.23 (3) conviction of a felony in a federal or state court for forgery, official misconduct,  
 14.24 bribery, perjury, or knowingly submitting false information under any environmental law,  
 14.25 regulation, or permit.

14.26 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 115A.1314, is amended to read:

14.27 **115A.1314 MANUFACTURER REGISTRATION FEE FEES.**

14.28 Subdivision 1. **Registration fee.** (a) Each manufacturer who registers under section  
 14.29 115A.1312 must, by ~~August~~ October 15 each year, pay to the commissioner ~~of revenue~~ an  
 14.30 annual registration fee, on a form and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner of  
 14.31 revenue. The commissioner ~~of revenue~~ must deposit the fee in the state treasury and credit  
 14.32 the fee to the electronic waste collection and recycling account in the environmental fund.

15.1 (b) ~~For the transition year, which begins July 1, 2025, and ends December 31, 2026, the~~  
15.2 ~~registration fee for manufacturers that sell 100 or more video display devices to households~~  
15.3 ~~in the state during the previous calendar year a manufacturer is \$2,500, plus a variable~~  
15.4 ~~recycling fee \$3,750. The registration fee for manufacturers that sell fewer than 100 video~~  
15.5 ~~display devices in the state during the previous calendar year is a variable recycling fee.~~  
15.6 ~~The variable recycling fee is calculated according to the formula:~~

15.7  ~~$[A - (B + C)] \times D$ , where:~~

15.8 ~~A = the manufacturer's recycling obligation as determined under section 115A.1320;~~

15.9 ~~B = the number of pounds of covered electronic devices that a manufacturer recycled~~  
15.10 ~~or arranged to have collected and recycled from households during the immediately preceding~~  
15.11 ~~program year, as reported under section 115A.1316, subdivision 1;~~

15.12 ~~C = the number of phase I or phase II recycling credits a manufacturer elects to use to~~  
15.13 ~~calculate the variable recycling fee; and~~

15.14 ~~D = the estimated per-pound cost of recycling, initially set at \$0.50 per pound for~~  
15.15 ~~manufacturers who recycle less than 50 percent of the manufacturer's recycling obligation;~~  
15.16 ~~\$0.40 per pound for manufacturers who recycle at least 50 percent but less than 90 percent~~  
15.17 ~~of the manufacturer's recycling obligation; \$0.30 per pound for manufacturers who recycle~~  
15.18 ~~at least 90 percent but less than 100 percent of the manufacturer's recycling obligation; and~~  
15.19 ~~\$0.00 per pound for manufacturers who recycle 100 percent or more of the manufacturer's~~  
15.20 ~~recycling obligation.~~

15.21 ~~(c) A manufacturer may petition the agency to waive the per-pound cost of recycling~~  
15.22 ~~fee, element D in the formula in paragraph (b), required under this section. The agency shall~~  
15.23 ~~direct the commissioner of revenue to waive the per-pound cost of recycling fee if the~~  
15.24 ~~manufacturer demonstrates to the agency's satisfaction a good faith effort to meet its recycling~~  
15.25 ~~obligation as determined under section 115A.1320. The petition must include:~~

15.26 ~~(1) documentation that the manufacturer has met at least 75 percent of its recycling~~  
15.27 ~~obligation as determined under section 115A.1320;~~

15.28 ~~(2) a list of political subdivisions and public and private collectors with whom the~~  
15.29 ~~manufacturer had a formal contract or agreement in effect during the previous program year~~  
15.30 ~~to recycle or collect covered electronic devices;~~

15.31 ~~(3) the total amounts of covered electronic devices collected from both within and outside~~  
15.32 ~~of the 11-county metropolitan area, as defined in subdivision 2;~~

16.1 ~~(4) a description of the manufacturer's best efforts to meet its recycling obligation as~~  
 16.2 ~~determined under section 115A.1320; and~~

16.3 ~~(5) any other information requested by the agency.~~

16.4 ~~(d) A manufacturer may retain phase I and phase II recycling credits to be added, in~~  
 16.5 ~~whole or in part, to the actual value of C, as reported under section 115A.1316, subdivision~~  
 16.6 ~~2, during any succeeding program year, provided that no more than 25 percent of a~~  
 16.7 ~~manufacturer's recycling obligation (A) for any program year may be met with phase I and~~  
 16.8 ~~phase II recycling credits, separately or in combination, generated in a prior program year.~~  
 16.9 ~~A manufacturer may sell any portion or all of its phase I and phase II recycling credits to~~  
 16.10 ~~another manufacturer, at a price negotiated by the parties, who may use the credits in the~~  
 16.11 ~~same manner.~~

16.12 ~~(e) For the purpose of determining B in calculating a manufacturer's variable recycling~~  
 16.13 ~~fee using the formula under paragraph (b), starting with the program year beginning July~~  
 16.14 ~~1, 2019, and continuing each year thereafter, the weight of covered electronic devices that~~  
 16.15 ~~a manufacturer recycled or arranged to have collected and recycled from households located~~  
 16.16 ~~outside the 11-county metropolitan area, as defined in subdivision 2, paragraph (b), is~~  
 16.17 ~~calculated at 1.5 times their actual weight.~~

16.18 (c) For the program year beginning January 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the  
 16.19 commissioner must determine the annual registration fees on a sliding scale, based on the  
 16.20 manufacturer's market share of covered electronic devices sold in this state, by number of  
 16.21 units or weight, as determined by the commissioner. The commissioner must assign each  
 16.22 manufacturer to the applicable market share tier below, based on the commissioner's market  
 16.23 share calculation under paragraph (d):

16.24	<u>Tier 1</u>	<u>5 percent or greater</u>
16.25	<u>Tier 2</u>	<u>At least 1 but less than 5 percent</u>
16.26	<u>Tier 3</u>	<u>At least 0.1 but less than 1 percent</u>
16.27	<u>Tier 4</u>	<u>At least .03 but less than 0.1 percent</u>
16.28	<u>Tier 5</u>	<u>At least .01 but less than .03 percent</u>
16.29	<u>Tier 6</u>	<u>Less than .01 percent</u>

16.30 Each manufacturer in the same tier must pay the same fee amount. The commissioner must  
 16.31 determine the amount of the fee paid by manufacturers in each tier so that aggregate annual  
 16.32 registration fees do not exceed the total annual costs of activities specified in paragraph (e).

16.33 (d) For the purposes of this section, the commissioner must calculate each manufacturer's  
 16.34 market share as follows:



17.1 (1) by multiplying the total number of units or pounds of computers, computer monitors,  
17.2 televisions, printers, and facsimile machines sold by the manufacturer nationally during the  
17.3 previous calendar year by the ratio of Minnesota's population to the national population in  
17.4 the same year, as measured by the United States Bureau of the Census, and dividing the  
17.5 result by the total number of units or pounds of computers, computer monitors, televisions,  
17.6 printers, and facsimile machines sold by all manufacturers nationally; and

17.7 (2) if applicable, for those product models of computers, computer monitors, televisions,  
17.8 printers, and facsimile machines sold by the manufacturer that are EPEAT-registered, the  
17.9 calculation in clause (1) must be reduced by:

17.10 (i) 15 percent for those product models that have been rated by EPEAT as achieving the  
17.11 gold standard;

17.12 (ii) ten percent for those product models that have been rated by EPEAT as achieving  
17.13 the silver standard; and

17.14 (iii) five percent for those product models that have been rated by EPEAT as achieving  
17.15 the bronze standard.

17.16 (e) The aggregate annual registration fees paid by manufacturers under this subdivision  
17.17 in a program year:

17.18 (1) may be used by the commissioner to implement and enforce sections 115A.1310 to  
17.19 115A.1330 and for transfer to the commissioner of administration for responsibilities under  
17.20 section 115A.1324; and

17.21 (2) may not be used to supplement payments made from the operations fee assessed in  
17.22 subdivision 2a to the clearinghouse for distribution to collectors, transporters, and recyclers  
17.23 and to manufacturers operating a mail-back system.

17.24 ~~Subd. 2. Use of registration fees. (a) Registration fees may be used by the commissioner~~  
17.25 ~~for:~~

17.26 ~~(1) implementing sections 115A.1312 to 115A.1330, including transfer to the~~  
17.27 ~~commissioner of revenue to carry out the department's duties under section 115A.1320,~~  
17.28 ~~subdivision 2, and transfer to the commissioner of administration for responsibilities under~~  
17.29 ~~section 115A.1324; and~~

17.30 ~~(2) grants to counties outside the 11-county metropolitan area, as defined in paragraph~~  
17.31 ~~(b), and to private entities that collect for recycling covered electronic devices in counties~~  
17.32 ~~outside the 11-county metropolitan area, where the collection and recycling is consistent~~  
17.33 ~~with the respective county's solid waste plan, for the purpose of carrying out the activities~~

18.1 ~~under sections 115A.1312 to 115A.1330. In awarding competitive grants under this clause,~~  
 18.2 ~~the commissioner must give preference to counties and private entities that are working~~  
 18.3 ~~cooperatively with manufacturers to help them meet their recycling obligations under section~~  
 18.4 ~~115A.1318, subdivision 1.~~

18.5 ~~(b) The 11-county metropolitan area consists of the counties of Anoka, Carver, Chisago,~~  
 18.6 ~~Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright.~~

18.7 Subd. 2a. **Operations fee.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2027, the commissioner must assess,  
 18.8 on a quarterly basis, an operations fee on each manufacturer that is required to pay a  
 18.9 registration fee for that program year. The commissioner must calculate the operations fee  
 18.10 by multiplying a manufacturer's market share, as calculated under subdivision 1, paragraph  
 18.11 (d), for the most recently completed program year by the total cost of collection,  
 18.12 transportation, and recycling operations of the plan during the previous quarter. For a  
 18.13 manufacturer operating a mail-back system under section 115A.1311, subdivision 4, the  
 18.14 operational fee is equal to the mail-back, transportation, and recycling costs of the program  
 18.15 during the previous quarter. A manufacturer must remit the full operations fee to the  
 18.16 commissioner within 30 days of receiving the fee assessment.

18.17 (b) The commissioner must deposit all fees collected under this subdivision into the  
 18.18 covered electronic device waste collection and recycling account established in section  
 18.19 115A.1321.

18.20 (c) No later than 30 days after receiving operations fees from manufacturers, the  
 18.21 commissioner must use the operations fees to make payments to the clearinghouse and to  
 18.22 manufacturers operating a mail-back system for collection, transportation, and recycling  
 18.23 costs, as applicable.

18.24 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 115A.1318, is amended to read:

18.25 **115A.1318 RESPONSIBILITIES; PROHIBITION.**

18.26 Subdivision 1. **Manufacturer responsibilities.** (a) In addition to fulfilling A manufacturer  
 18.27 must fulfill the requirements of sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330, a manufacturer must  
 18.28 comply with paragraphs (b) to (f).

18.29 ~~(b) A manufacturer must annually recycle or arrange for the collection and recycling of~~  
 18.30 ~~an amount of video display devices as determined by the agency in section 115A.1320,~~  
 18.31 ~~subdivision 1. A manufacturer must assume all financial responsibility associated with for~~  
 18.32 ~~costs incurred from collecting, transporting, and recycling covered electronic devices that~~  
 18.33 ~~are used to meet the manufacturer's recycling obligation determined under section 115A.1320~~

19.1 ~~or that are counted as phase I or II recycling credits, including any necessary supplies. This~~  
19.2 ~~excludes costs that are associated with receiving and aggregating covered electronic devices~~  
19.3 ~~from households and all the activities up to the time that covered electronic devices are~~  
19.4 ~~loaded for transport to a recycler or arranged for transportation to a recycler under a plan~~  
19.5 ~~approved by the commissioner.~~

19.6 (c) ~~The obligations of a manufacturer apply~~ A manufacturer is required to recycle only  
19.7 ~~to video display covered electronic devices received from households and do not apply to~~  
19.8 ~~video display devices received from sources other than households~~ covered entities.

19.9 (d) A manufacturer must ~~conduct and document~~ ensure that due diligence assessments  
19.10 of collectors and recyclers it contracts with and of any applicable downstream recycling  
19.11 operations are conducted and documented, including an assessment of items specified under  
19.12 subdivision 2. A manufacturer is responsible for maintaining, for a period of three years,  
19.13 documentation that all covered electronic devices recycled, partially recycled, or sent to  
19.14 downstream recycling operations comply with the requirements of subdivision 2.

19.15 (e) ~~A manufacturer must provide the agency with contact information for a person who~~  
19.16 ~~can be contacted regarding the manufacturer's activities under sections 115A.1310 to~~  
19.17 ~~115A.1320.~~

19.18 (f) ~~(e)~~ Only ~~the~~ covered electronic devices that are recycled by a registered recycler that  
19.19 is certified by an ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board-accredited third-party certification  
19.20 body to an environmentally sound management standard are eligible to meet the  
19.21 manufacturer's obligation as meeting an environmentally sound management standard by  
19.22 a certification body accredited by the American National Standards Institute-American  
19.23 Society for Quality National Accreditation Board may be reported under paragraph (f).

19.24 (f) Beginning March 1, 2027, and each March 1 thereafter, a manufacturer must report  
19.25 to the commissioner, on a form approved by the commissioner:

19.26 (1) a description of the collection, transportation, mail-back, and recycling activities  
19.27 conducted under the approved plan in all regions of the state;

19.28 (2) separate estimates of the number of units and the total weight of the manufacturer's  
19.29 covered electronic devices for each specific model sold to covered entities during the previous  
19.30 program year;

19.31 (3) the total weight of the manufacturer's covered electronic devices sold to covered  
19.32 entities during the previous program year, which may be estimated by multiplying the weight  
19.33 of its covered electronic devices sold nationally by the quotient of Minnesota's population

20.1 divided by the national population. The method in this clause must be used by a manufacturer  
 20.2 that sells 99 or fewer covered electronic devices to covered entities in the state during the  
 20.3 previous program year;

20.4 (4) an estimate of the total weight of covered electronic devices collected and recycled;

20.5 (5) a description of how the estimates in clauses (2) to (4) were calculated;

20.6 (6) a description of how the manufacturer employs bidding processes that are open,  
 20.7 competitive, and fair;

20.8 (7) a description of how the manufacturer arranges transportation of covered electronic  
 20.9 devices from collectors to recyclers within two business days of a request; and

20.10 (8) evidence of adequate financial assurance for collection, handling, and disposal  
 20.11 activities demonstrated by posting a performance bond or issuing a letter of credit or other  
 20.12 financial instrument.

20.13 (g) A manufacturer must furnish any information the commissioner determines is  
 20.14 necessary to assess compliance with sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330.

20.15 Subd. 1a. **Collector responsibilities.** ~~(a) Collection sites must be:~~ A collector must  
 20.16 furnish any information requested by the commissioner to determine compliance with  
 20.17 sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330.

20.18 (b) A collector operating under a plan must:

20.19 (1) certify in a written agreement with the clearinghouse that the collector will operate  
 20.20 in compliance with a plan approved by the commissioner;

20.21 (2) host collection sites that are:

20.22 ~~(1)~~ (i) staffed; and

20.23 ~~(2)~~ (ii) open to the public at a frequency adequate to meet the needs of the area being  
 20.24 served;

20.25 (3) accept any covered electronic device; and

20.26 (4) beginning April 30, 2027, and each 30th day of July, October, January, and April  
 20.27 thereafter, report to the clearinghouse on a form approved by the commissioner the total  
 20.28 weight of covered electronic devices collected during the preceding quarter under the plan.

20.29 ~~(b)~~ (c) A collector may limit the number of covered electronic devices or covered  
 20.30 electronic devices by product type accepted per customer per day or per delivery at a  
 20.31 collection site or service.

21.1 ~~(e) A collector must use only registered recyclers.~~

21.2 (d) A collector that is not operating under a plan must comply with paragraph (a) and  
21.3 paragraph (b), clause (4), as applicable.

21.4 **Subd. 1b. Clearinghouse responsibilities. A clearinghouse must:**

21.5 (1) collaborate with manufacturers to develop a plan that meets the requirements of  
21.6 section 115A.1311, subdivision 3;

21.7 (2) ensure that all participants in the plan are registered with the agency;

21.8 (3) coordinate collection, transportation, and recycling activities under the plan, including  
21.9 establishing sufficient consolidation and transfer capacity to ensure efficient transportation  
21.10 of covered electronic devices;

21.11 (4) manage invoices from and distribute operations fees to collectors, transporters, and  
21.12 recyclers;

21.13 (5) collect and compile information from collectors, transporters, and recyclers to report  
21.14 to the commissioner; and

21.15 (6) provide any information requested by the commissioner to determine compliance  
21.16 with sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330.

21.17 **Subd. 2. Recycler responsibilities.** (a) A recycler must certify in a written agreement  
21.18 with the clearinghouse that the recycler will operate in compliance with a plan approved  
21.19 by the commissioner.

21.20 (b) Beginning April 30, 2027, and each 30th day of July, October, January, and April  
21.21 thereafter, a recycler of covered electronic devices must report to the commissioner:

21.22 (1) the total weight of covered electronic devices, by product type, recycled during the  
21.23 preceding quarter and further disaggregated to reflect separate amounts recycled under the  
21.24 plan; and

21.25 (2) an estimate of the weight of portable batteries and any mercury-containing lamps  
21.26 associated with the covered electronic devices managed.

21.27 (c) As part of the report submitted under ~~section 115A.1316, subdivision 2~~ this  
21.28 subdivision, a recycler must certify, except as provided in paragraph ~~(b)~~ (d), that facilities  
21.29 that recycle covered electronic devices, including all downstream recycling operations:

21.30 (1) use only registered collectors;

22.1 (2) comply with all applicable health, environmental, safety, and financial responsibility  
22.2 regulations;

22.3 (3) are licensed by all applicable governmental authorities;

22.4 (4) use no prison labor to recycle ~~video display~~ covered electronic devices;

22.5 (5) possess liability insurance of not less than ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$5,000,000 for environmental  
22.6 releases, accidents, and other emergencies;

22.7 (6) provide a report annually to each registered collector regarding the ~~video display~~  
22.8 covered electronic devices received from that entity; and

22.9 (7) do not charge collectors for transporting, recycling, or any necessary supplies related  
22.10 to transporting or recycling covered electronic devices ~~that meet a manufacturer's recycling~~  
22.11 ~~obligation as determined under section 115A.1320, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon~~  
22.12 under a plan approved by the commissioner.

22.13 ~~(b)~~ (d) A nonprofit corporation that contracts with a correctional institution to refurbish  
22.14 and reuse donated computers in schools is exempt from paragraph ~~(a)~~ (c), clauses (4) and  
22.15 (5).

22.16 ~~(e)~~ (e) Except to the extent otherwise required by law and unless agreed upon otherwise  
22.17 by the recycler or manufacturer, a recycler has no responsibility for any data that may be  
22.18 contained in a covered electronic device if an information storage device is included in the  
22.19 covered electronic device.

22.20 (f) A recycler must provide any information requested by the commissioner to determine  
22.21 compliance with sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330.

22.22 Subd. 3. **Retailer responsibilities.** (a) A retailer is responsible for reviewing registration  
22.23 information placed on the agency's website, as required under section 115A.1312, subdivision  
22.24 2, paragraph (g). Beginning January 1, 2027, no retailer shall sell or offer for sale a covered  
22.25 electronic device that is not labeled by the manufacturer and registered as required by section  
22.26 115A.1312.

22.27 (b) A retailer is not responsible for an unlawful sale under this subdivision if the  
22.28 manufacturer was not registered or the manufacturer's registration expired or was revoked  
22.29 if the retailer took possession of the covered electronic device before January 1, 2027, or  
22.30 before the manufacturer's registration expired or was revoked, and the unlawful sale occurred  
22.31 within six months after the expiration or revocation.

23.1 (c) Beginning January 1, 2027, a retailer who sells new video display selling covered  
23.2 electronic devices shall in this state must provide information to households customers  
23.3 describing where and how they may recycle video display covered electronic devices and  
23.4 advising them of opportunities and locations for the convenient collection of video display  
23.5 covered electronic devices, including manufacturer mail-back programs, for the purpose of  
23.6 recycling. This requirement may be met by posting signs at the point of sale stating that  
23.7 covered electronic devices should not be placed in solid waste or a solid waste facility or  
23.8 by providing to households customers the agency's toll-free number and website address.  
23.9 Retailers selling through catalogs or the Internet may meet this requirement by including  
23.10 the information in a prominent location on the retailer's website.

23.11 Subd. 4. **Prohibition.** A collector may not charge for collection, transportation, or  
23.12 recycling services or for any costs incurred by the collector operating under a plan approved  
23.13 by the commissioner.

23.14 **Sec. 6. [115A.1319] TRANSITION TO NEW PROGRAM.**

23.15 (a) Notwithstanding section 115A.1310, subdivision 13, the program year beginning  
23.16 July 1, 2025, ends on December 31, 2026.

23.17 (b) In addition to the annual registration and operations fees charged to manufacturers  
23.18 under section 115A.1314, the commissioner must charge each manufacturer a onetime  
23.19 advance operations fee that is due for payment on October 15, 2026. The commissioner  
23.20 must calculate the advance operations fee by multiplying the manufacturer's market share  
23.21 in 2024, as calculated under section 115A.1314, subdivision 1, paragraph (d), by the number  
23.22 of pounds of covered electronic devices the manufacturer collected in 2024, as reported in  
23.23 section 115A.1318, subdivision 1, paragraph (f); times the commissioner's estimate of the  
23.24 national average cost to recycle one pound of covered electronic devices; times 0.5.

23.25 (c) No later than March 31, 2027, the commissioner must compare each manufacturer's  
23.26 advance operations fee assessed in paragraph (b) with the product of the actual total cost  
23.27 of collecting, transporting, and recycling covered electronic devices under the plan in which  
23.28 the manufacturer participated, multiplied by the manufacturer's market share, as calculated  
23.29 under section 115A.1314, subdivision 1, paragraph (d). If the manufacturer's advance  
23.30 operations fee exceeds a manufacturer's share of estimated actual program costs, the  
23.31 commissioner must pay the difference to the manufacturer. If the manufacturer's share of  
23.32 estimated actual program costs exceeds the manufacturer's advance operations fee, the  
23.33 manufacturer must remit the difference to the commissioner.

24.1 (d) Notwithstanding section 115A.1318, reports required by the commissioner from  
 24.2 manufacturers, collectors, and recyclers for the 2025 program year are not due until January  
 24.3 15, 2027.

24.4 (e) All phase I and phase II recycling credits expire July 31, 2026, and may not be used  
 24.5 thereafter by a manufacturer to calculate the amount of covered electronic devices recycled  
 24.6 by the manufacturer.

24.7 (f) This section expires June 30, 2027.

24.8 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 115A.1320, is amended to read:

24.9 **115A.1320 AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT DUTIES.**

24.10 Subdivision 1. **Duties of agency.** (a) The ~~agency shall~~ commissioner must:

24.11 (1) administer sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330;

24.12 (2) review and approve a plan; and

24.13 (3) ensure that manufacturers remit in full registration and operations fees.

24.14 (b) The ~~agency shall~~ commissioner must establish procedures for:

24.15 (1) receipt and maintenance of ~~the~~ registration statements and certifications filed with  
 24.16 the agency under section 115A.1312; and

24.17 (2) making ~~the~~ registration statements and certifications easily available to manufacturers,  
 24.18 retailers, and members of the public.

24.19 ~~(e) The agency shall annually review the following variables that are used to calculate~~  
 24.20 ~~a manufacturer's annual registration fee under section 115A.1314, subdivision 1:~~

24.21 ~~(1) the obligation-setting mechanism for manufacturers as specified under paragraph~~

24.22 ~~(g);~~

24.23 ~~(2) the estimated per-pound price of recycling covered electronic devices sold to~~  
 24.24 ~~households; and~~

24.25 ~~(3) the base registration fee.~~

24.26 ~~(d) If the agency determines that any of these values must be changed in order to improve~~  
 24.27 ~~the efficiency or effectiveness of the activities regulated under sections 115A.1312 to~~  
 24.28 ~~115A.1330, or if the revenues exceed the amount that the agency determines is necessary,~~  
 24.29 ~~the agency shall submit recommended changes and the reasons for them to the chairs of the~~  
 24.30 ~~senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over solid waste policy.~~



25.1 ~~(e) By May 1 each year, the agency shall publish a statewide recycling goal for all video~~  
25.2 ~~display device waste that is the weight of all video display devices collected for recycling~~  
25.3 ~~during each of the three most recently completed program years, excluding the most recently~~  
25.4 ~~concluded program year, divided by two.~~

25.5 ~~(f) By May 1 each year, the agency shall determine each registered manufacturer's market~~  
25.6 ~~share of video display devices to be collected and recycled based on the manufacturer's~~  
25.7 ~~percentage share of the total weight of video display devices sold as reported to the agency~~  
25.8 ~~under section 115A.1316, subdivision 1.~~

25.9 ~~(g) By May 1 each year, the agency shall provide each manufacturer with a determination~~  
25.10 ~~of the manufacturer's share of video display devices to be collected and recycled. A~~  
25.11 ~~manufacturer's market share of video display devices as specified in paragraph (f) is applied~~  
25.12 ~~proportionally to the statewide recycling goal as specified in paragraph (e) to determine an~~  
25.13 ~~individual manufacturer's recycling obligation. Upon request by the commissioner of revenue,~~  
25.14 ~~the agency must provide the information submitted to manufacturers under this paragraph~~  
25.15 ~~to the commissioner of revenue.~~

25.16 ~~(h)~~ (c) No later than February 28 each year, beginning in 2026, the agency shall provide  
25.17 commissioner must submit a report to the governor and the legislature chairs and ranking  
25.18 minority members of the senate and house committees with primary responsibility for solid  
25.19 waste policy on the implementation of sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330. For each program  
25.20 year, the report must discuss the total weight of covered electronic devices recycled and a  
25.21 summary of information in the reports submitted by manufacturers and recyclers under  
25.22 section ~~115A.1316~~ 115A.1318. The report must also discuss the various collection programs  
25.23 used by manufacturers to collect covered electronic devices; information regarding covered  
25.24 electronic devices that are being collected by persons other than registered manufacturers,  
25.25 collectors, and recyclers; and information about covered electronic devices, if any, being  
25.26 disposed of in landfills in this state. ~~The report must examine which covered electronic~~  
25.27 ~~devices, based on economic and environmental considerations, should be subject to the~~  
25.28 ~~obligation-setting mechanism under paragraph (g).~~ The report must include a description  
25.29 of enforcement actions taken under sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330. The agency  
25.30 commissioner may include in ~~its~~ the report other information received by the agency  
25.31 regarding the implementation of sections ~~115A.1312~~ 115A.1310 to 115A.1330. ~~The report~~  
25.32 ~~must be done in conjunction with the report required under section 115A.121.~~

25.33 ~~(i)~~ (d) The agency shall commissioner must promote public participation in the activities  
25.34 regulated under sections ~~115A.1312~~ 115A.1310 to ~~115A.1330~~ 115A.1339 through public  
25.35 education and outreach efforts.

26.1 ~~(j)~~ (e) The ~~agency shall~~ commissioner must enforce sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330  
 26.2 in the manner provided by sections 115.071, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6; and 116.072;  
 26.3 ~~except for those provisions enforced by the department, as provided in subdivision 2.~~ The  
 26.4 ~~agency~~ commissioner may revoke a registration of a collector or recycler found to have  
 26.5 violated sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330.

26.6 ~~(k) The agency shall facilitate communication between counties, collection and recycling~~  
 26.7 ~~centers, and manufacturers to ensure that manufacturers are aware of video display devices~~  
 26.8 ~~available for recycling.~~

26.9 ~~(l)~~ (f) The ~~agency shall~~ commissioner must post on ~~its~~ the agency's website the contact  
 26.10 information provided by each manufacturer under section ~~115A.1318~~ 115A.1312, subdivision  
 26.11 ~~1~~ 2, paragraph ~~(e)~~ (a), clause ~~(2)~~.

26.12 **Subd. 2. Additional duties.** (a) The agency must collect the data submitted to it annually  
 26.13 ~~by each manufacturer on the total weight of each specific model of video display device~~  
 26.14 ~~sold to households, if provided; the total weight of video display devices sold to households;~~  
 26.15 ~~the total weight of covered electronic devices collected from households that are recycled;~~  
 26.16 ~~and data on phase I and phase II recycling credits, as required under section 115A.1316.~~  
 26.17 ~~The department must use this data to review each manufacturer's annual registration fee~~  
 26.18 ~~submitted to the department to ensure that the fee was calculated accurately.~~

26.19 (b) The agency must estimate, for each registered manufacturer, the sales of video display  
 26.20 devices to households during the previous program year, based on:

26.21 (1) ~~data provided by a manufacturer on sales of video display devices to households,~~  
 26.22 ~~including documentation describing how that amount was calculated and certification that~~  
 26.23 ~~the amount is accurate; or~~

26.24 (2) ~~if a manufacturer does not provide the data specified in clause (1), national data on~~  
 26.25 ~~sales of video display devices.~~

26.26 The department must use the data specified in this subdivision to review each manufacturer's  
 26.27 annual registration fee submitted to the department to ensure that the fee was calculated  
 26.28 accurately according to the formula in section 115A.1314, subdivision 1.

26.29 (e) ~~The department must enforce section 115A.1314, subdivision 1. The audit, assessment,~~  
 26.30 ~~appeal, collection, enforcement, disclosure, and other administrative provisions of chapters~~  
 26.31 ~~270B, 270C, and 289A that apply to the taxes imposed under chapter 297A apply to the fee~~  
 26.32 ~~imposed under section 115A.1314, subdivision 1. To enforce section 115A.1314, subdivision~~  
 26.33 ~~1, the commissioner of revenue may grant extensions to pay, and impose and abate penalties~~

27.1 ~~and interest on, the fee due under section 115A.1314, subdivision 1, in the manner provided~~  
 27.2 ~~in chapters 270C and 289A as if the fee were a tax imposed under chapter 297A.~~

27.3 ~~(d) The department may disclose nonpublic data to the agency only when necessary for~~  
 27.4 ~~the efficient and effective administration of the activities regulated under sections 115A.1310~~  
 27.5 ~~to 115A.1330. Any data disclosed by the department to the agency retains the classification~~  
 27.6 ~~it had when in the possession of the department.~~

27.7 **Sec. 8. [115A.1321] COVERED ELECTRONIC DEVICE WASTE COLLECTION**  
 27.8 **AND RECYCLING ACCOUNT.**

27.9 Subdivision 1. Establishment of account. ~~The covered electronic device waste collection~~  
 27.10 ~~and recycling account is established as a separate account in the environmental fund in the~~  
 27.11 ~~state treasury. The commissioner must credit to the account registration and operations fees~~  
 27.12 ~~paid by manufacturers under sections 115A.1314 and 115A.1319 and appropriations and~~  
 27.13 ~~transfers to the account. Earnings, such as interest, dividends, and any other earnings arising~~  
 27.14 ~~from assets of the account, must be credited to the account. Money remaining in the account~~  
 27.15 ~~at the end of a fiscal year does not cancel to the general fund but remains in the account~~  
 27.16 ~~until expended. The commissioner must manage the account.~~

27.17 Subd. 2. Expenditures. ~~Money in the account may be used only as follows:~~

27.18 (1) operations fees assessed under section 115A.1314, subdivision 2a, and the onetime  
 27.19 advanced operations fee assessed in section 115A.1319 must be used only for the purposes  
 27.20 specified in section 115A.1314, subdivision 2a, paragraph (c); and

27.21 (2) registration fees paid under section 115A.1314, subdivision 1, must be used to  
 27.22 reimburse the agency's costs to administer and enforce sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330.

27.23 Subd. 3. Appropriation. ~~Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner for~~  
 27.24 ~~the purposes of subdivision 2.~~

27.25 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 115A.1322, is amended to read:

27.26 **115A.1322 OTHER RECYCLING PROGRAMS.**

27.27 ~~A city, county, or other public agency may not require households to use public facilities~~  
 27.28 ~~to recycle their covered electronic devices to the exclusion of other lawful programs available.~~  
 27.29 ~~Cities, counties, and other public agencies, including those awarded contracts by the agency~~  
 27.30 ~~under section 115A.1314, subdivision 2, are encouraged to work with manufacturers to~~  
 27.31 ~~assist them in meeting their recycling obligations under section 115A.1318, subdivision 1.~~  
 27.32 ~~Nothing in sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330 prohibits or restricts the operation of any~~

28.1 program recycling covered electronic devices in addition to those provided by manufacturers  
28.2 or prohibits or restricts any persons from receiving, collecting, transporting, or recycling  
28.3 covered electronic devices, provided that those persons are registered under section  
28.4 115A.1312.

28.5 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 115A.1324, is amended to read:

28.6 **115A.1324 REQUIREMENTS FOR PURCHASES BY STATE AGENCIES.**

28.7 (a) The Department of Administration must ensure that acquisitions of ~~video display~~  
28.8 covered electronic devices under chapter 16C are in compliance with or not subject to  
28.9 sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1318.

28.10 (b) The solicitation documents must specify that the prospective responder is required  
28.11 to cooperate fully in providing reasonable access to its records and documents that evidence  
28.12 compliance with paragraph (a) and sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1318.

28.13 (c) Any person awarded a contract under chapter 16C for purchase or lease of ~~video~~  
28.14 ~~display~~ covered electronic devices that is found to be in violation of paragraph (a) or sections  
28.15 115A.1310 to 115A.1318 is subject to the following sanctions:

28.16 (1) the contract must be voided if the commissioner of administration determines that  
28.17 the potential adverse impact to the state is exceeded by the benefit obtained from voiding  
28.18 the contract;

28.19 (2) the contractor is subject to suspension and disbarment under Minnesota Rules, part  
28.20 1230.1150; and

28.21 (3) if the attorney general establishes that any money, property, or benefit was obtained  
28.22 by a contractor as a result of violating paragraph (a) or sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1318,  
28.23 the court may, in addition to any other remedy, order the disgorgement of the unlawfully  
28.24 obtained money, property, or benefit.

28.25 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 115A.1326, is amended to read:

28.26 **115A.1326 REGULATING ~~VIDEO DISPLAY~~ COVERED ELECTRONIC**  
28.27 **DEVICES.**

28.28 If the United States Environmental Protection Agency adopts regulations under the  
28.29 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act regarding the handling, storage, or treatment of  
28.30 any type of ~~video display~~ covered electronic device being recycled, those regulations are  
28.31 automatically effective in this state on the same date and supersede any rules previously

29.1 adopted by the agency regarding the handling, storage, or treatment of all ~~video display~~  
29.2 covered electronic devices being recycled.

29.3 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 115A.1330, is amended to read:

29.4 **115A.1330 LIMITATIONS.**

29.5 Sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330 expire if a federal law, or combination of federal  
29.6 laws, take effect that is applicable to all ~~video display~~ covered electronic devices sold in  
29.7 the United States and establish a program for the collection and recycling or reuse of ~~video~~  
29.8 ~~display~~ covered electronic devices that is applicable to all video display devices discarded  
29.9 by households.

29.10 Sec. 13. 115A.1331 DEFINITIONS.

29.11 (a) For the purposes of sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1339, the following terms have the  
29.12 meanings given.

29.13 (b) "Collector" means a public or private entity registered with the agency under section  
29.14 115A.1312 to collect or receive discarded electronics recyclables from a covered entity and  
29.15 arrange for their delivery to a transporter or recycler.

29.16 (c) "Covered entity" has the meaning given in section 115A.1310, subdivision 7a.

29.17 (d) "Electronics recyclables" means products that are powered by, generate, store, or  
29.18 conduct electricity. Electronics recyclables does not include:

29.19 (1) a covered electronic device, as defined in section 115A.1310, subdivision 7;

29.20 (2) electric vehicles, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 26a;

29.21 (3) industrial machinery;

29.22 (4) major appliances;

29.23 (5) solar photovoltaic panels;

29.24 (6) real property or fixtures;

29.25 (7) lead acid batteries; or

29.26 (8) equipment used solely for medical purposes.

29.27 (e) "Manufacturer" means a person who:

29.28 (1) manufactures electronics recyclables to be sold under its own brand as identified by  
29.29 its own brand label; or

30.1 (2) sells electronics recyclables manufactured by others under its own brand as identified  
30.2 by its own brand label.

30.3 (f) "Recycler" means a person registered with the agency under section 115A.1312 to  
30.4 conduct recycling on electronics recyclables. Recycler does not mean a person whose sole  
30.5 operation with respect to electronics recyclables is to manually dismantle them.

30.6 (g) "Recycling" means:

30.7 (1) disassembling, dismantling, or shredding electronics recyclables to recover certain  
30.8 materials and delivering such materials for further processing; or

30.9 (2) salvaging components of electronics recyclables for use in new products and  
30.10 delivering such components for further processing or use.

30.11 Recycling does not include:

30.12 (i) the destruction by incineration or other process or land disposal of recyclable materials  
30.13 retrieved from electronics recyclables;

30.14 (ii) reuse;

30.15 (iii) repair; or

30.16 (iv) any other process through which electronics recyclables are enabled to be reused in  
30.17 their original form.

30.18 (h) "Refurbished" means a used electronics recyclable that was recycled or returned to  
30.19 the manufacturer, then tested and, if necessary, repaired by the manufacturer or a third party  
30.20 before being sold again.

30.21 (i) "Retailer" means a person who offers electronics recyclables for sale in or into this  
30.22 state. Retailer includes a:

30.23 (1) retailer maintaining a place of business in this state;

30.24 (2) marketplace provider maintaining a place of business in this state, as defined in  
30.25 section 297A.66, subdivision 1, paragraph (a);

30.26 (3) retailer not maintaining a place of business in this state; and

30.27 (4) marketplace provider not maintaining a place of business in this state, as defined in  
30.28 section 297A.66, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

30.29 Retailer does not include a person whose sales of electronics recyclables in or into this state  
30.30 in the immediately preceding calendar year was less than \$1,000.

31.1 (j) "Reuse" means:

31.2 (1) the repair, refurbishment, or enhancement of an electronics recyclable that enables  
31.3 it to be offered for sale for the same purpose for which it was originally manufactured; or

31.4 (2) the offering for sale of a discarded electronics recyclable or any of its components  
31.5 that have not undergone repair, refurbishment, or enhancement.

31.6 (k) "Transporter" means a person that transports discarded electronics recyclables from  
31.7 a collector to a recycler.

31.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

31.9 Sec. 14. **[115A.1332] COLLECTOR AND RECYCLER REGISTRATION.**

31.10 No person may operate as a collector or recycler of electronics recyclables unless the  
31.11 person has submitted a registration with the agency under section 115A.1312, subdivision  
31.12 3 or 4, as applicable.

31.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

31.14 Sec. 15. **[115A.1335] RECYCLING FEE.**

31.15 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), on and after January 1, 2025, a recycling fee is  
31.16 imposed on each retailer equal to 3.2 percent of the retail price to each electronics recyclable  
31.17 that the retailer offers for sale in this state.

31.18 (b) A retailer is not subject to the fee imposed in paragraph (a) for the sale of a cell phone  
31.19 but is instead subject to a fee of \$0.90 for each cell phone sold. The fee imposed under this  
31.20 paragraph is subject to paragraphs (c) to (f).

31.21 (c) A retailer may collect the fee from the purchaser. If separately stated on the invoice,  
31.22 bill of sale, or similar document given to the purchaser, the fee is excluded from the sales  
31.23 price for purposes of the tax imposed under chapter 297A.

31.24 (d) If a retailer collects the fee from the purchaser, the retailer must show the total of  
31.25 the retail recycling fee as a separate item and distinct from the sales price and any other  
31.26 taxes or fees imposed on the retail purchase on the purchaser's receipt, invoice, or other bill  
31.27 of sale. The receipt, invoice, or other bill of sale must state the retail recycling fee as  
31.28 "electronic waste recycling fee."

31.29 (e) The fee required under this section may not be applied to previously owned or  
31.30 refurbished electronics recyclables.

32.1 (f) Beginning January 1, 2025, a retailer must remit the recycling fee for each electronics  
32.2 recyclable sold in this state to the commissioner monthly in a manner and accompanied by  
32.3 a form prescribed by the commissioner.

32.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

32.5 Sec. 16. **[115A.1336] ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING ACCOUNT.**

32.6 Subdivision 1. **Establishment of account.** An electronic waste recycling account is  
32.7 established in the special revenue fund in the state treasury. The commissioner must credit  
32.8 to the account recycling fees remitted to the agency by retailers under section 115A.1335  
32.9 and appropriations and transfers to the account. Earnings, such as interest, dividends, and  
32.10 any other earnings arising from assets of the account, must be credited to the account. Money  
32.11 remaining in the account at the end of a fiscal year does not cancel to the general fund but  
32.12 remains in the account until expended. The commissioner must manage the account.

32.13 Subd. 2. **Use of money.** (a) Of the amount in the account, beginning in fiscal year 2025  
32.14 and continuing through fiscal year 2028, the commissioner must allocate \$1,000,000 each  
32.15 year for awarding grants under section 115A.1342 and to reimburse the agency for its costs  
32.16 to administer that section. Unexpended money for this purpose remains available for this  
32.17 purpose until June 30, 2028, at which point it becomes available for other purposes in this  
32.18 subdivision.

32.19 (b) \$420,000 is to be used for the study required under section 23.

32.20 (c) The balance of the account is to be used to:

32.21 (1) reimburse the costs of collectors under the electronic waste recycling program; and

32.22 (2) reimburse the reasonable costs of the agency to administer and enforce sections  
32.23 115A.1331 to 115A.1340, which costs may not exceed three percent of the balance in the  
32.24 account at the end of the month in which the agency submits a reimbursement request,  
32.25 excluding the amounts set aside for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b).

32.26 Subd. 3. **Financial reserve limit.** (a) The commissioner must not maintain a financial  
32.27 reserve in the account established under this section in excess of 75 percent of the agency's  
32.28 average annual expenses required to implement sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1342.

32.29 (b) If the financial reserve at any time exceeds 75 percent of the agency's annual expenses  
32.30 to implement sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1342, the commissioner must reduce the recycling  
32.31 fee established in section 115A.1335 for the following year to a level that results in  
32.32 compliance with this subdivision.



33.1 Subd. 4. **Appropriation.** Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner for  
33.2 the purposes of subdivision 2.

33.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

33.4 Sec. 17. **[115A.1337] DISPOSITION OF RECYCLING FEES.**

33.5 Subdivision 1. **Collectors' invoices.** Beginning in the second quarter of 2025 and  
33.6 quarterly thereafter, a collector must submit to the commissioner, on a form and in a manner  
33.7 prescribed by the commissioner, information and supporting material documenting the  
33.8 following costs incurred to collect electronics recyclables during the previous quarter:

33.9 (1) the costs of collecting electronics recyclables that are transported for recycling;

33.10 (2) the costs of transporting electronics recyclables to recyclers, as evidenced by invoices  
33.11 from transporters; and

33.12 (3) recycling costs paid by collectors to recyclers of electronics recyclables, as evidenced  
33.13 by invoices from recyclers.

33.14 Subd. 2. **Agency review; reimbursement.** (a) The commissioner must review the  
33.15 information submitted by collectors under subdivision 1. The commissioner may request  
33.16 additional information or documentation from a collector.

33.17 (b) In determining the reasonableness of the cost information submitted by a collector  
33.18 under subdivision 1, the commissioner must compare the reported costs of collection,  
33.19 transportation, and recycling with those of other collectors, including collectors operating  
33.20 in the same geographic region, and must consider the extent to which significant deviations  
33.21 from the average cost are justified as a result of low population density, distance to recyclers,  
33.22 or other relevant factors.

33.23 (c) The commissioner may accept, reject, or modify the requested cost reimbursement  
33.24 amount submitted by a collector and must provide a collector with written notice of the  
33.25 reasons for any rejection or modification of the collector's requested cost reimbursement  
33.26 amount.

33.27 (d) Reimbursements to collectors for collection activities under this subdivision must  
33.28 be made only for the amount of collected electronics recyclables that is transported to a  
33.29 recycler.

33.30 (e) During the last week of each quarter, the commissioner must reimburse the collector  
33.31 for costs incurred during the previous quarter that the commissioner determines to be  
33.32 reasonable, plus an additional payment of \$0.90 per pound of electronics recyclables recycled.

34.1 (f) A person registered as both a collector and a recycler under section 115A.1312 may  
34.2 not be reimbursed for collection costs with respect to any electronics recyclables recycled  
34.3 by the person, although the person is eligible to receive the \$0.90 per pound additional  
34.4 payment under paragraph (e) for all electronics recyclables collected by that person that are  
34.5 recycled by that person or other recyclers.

34.6 (g) A transporter or recycler may not charge or accept payment from any person except  
34.7 a collector for transporting, recycling, or otherwise handling electronics recyclables.

34.8 (h) Except as provided in paragraph (i), a collector must be compensated for the costs  
34.9 of collecting, transporting, and recycling electronics recyclables under sections 115A.1331  
34.10 to 115A.1338 solely from reimbursements made by the commissioner from the proceeds  
34.11 of the recycling fee imposed in section 115A.1335.

34.12 (i) A collector may be compensated by a private individual for services that are associated  
34.13 with collecting and recycling electronics recyclables but that are not required under sections  
34.14 115A.1331 to 115A.1338, including but not limited to:

34.15 (1) collecting electronics recyclables from a private individual's home or business;

34.16 (2) data destruction services; and

34.17 (3) agreeing to be present at an electronics recyclables collection event hosted by a  
34.18 sponsor at a location other than a permanent collection site.

34.19 (j) A collector may not be reimbursed by the commissioner from the proceeds of the  
34.20 recycling fee for services described in paragraph (i).

34.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

34.22 **Sec. 18. [115A.1338] RESPONSIBILITIES.**

34.23 Subdivision 1. **Collector responsibilities.** (a) Collection sites must be staffed and open  
34.24 to the public at times convenient and of sufficient duration to meet the needs of the area  
34.25 being served.

34.26 (b) A collector may:

34.27 (1) refuse to accept any specific type of electronics recyclable; and

34.28 (2) limit the number or type of electronics recyclables accepted per customer per day or  
34.29 per delivery.

34.30 (c) By July 15 each year, a collector of electronics recyclables must report to the agency  
34.31 the total weight of electronics recyclables collected during the preceding calendar year.

35.1 Subd. 2. **Recycler responsibilities.** A recycler sent electronics recyclables by a collector:

35.2 (1) may not charge a collector for transporting, recycling, or any necessary supplies  
35.3 related to transporting or recycling electronics recyclables, unless the charge is mutually  
35.4 agreed upon; and

35.5 (2) must annually submit a written report to the commissioner, at a time determined by  
35.6 the commissioner, specifying the total weight of electronics recyclables received from each  
35.7 collector during the previous year.

35.8 Subd. 3. **Retailer responsibilities.** A retailer who sells electronics recyclables must  
35.9 provide information to purchasers of those products describing:

35.10 (1) how electronics recyclables may be recycled;

35.11 (2) opportunities and locations for the convenient collection of electronics recyclables  
35.12 for the purpose of recycling; and

35.13 (3) the fee for the operation of the program that is included in the purchase price of  
35.14 electronics recyclables sold in this state.

35.15 Subd. 4. **Agency responsibilities** (a) The commissioner must, in consultation with the  
35.16 Electronics Recyclables Advisory Committee established in section 115A.1341, collectors,  
35.17 and recyclers, annually review the amount of the recycling fee established under section  
35.18 115A.1335 to ensure that revenue collected to reimburse collectors for collection,  
35.19 transportation, and recycling costs approved by the commissioner under section 115A.1337  
35.20 and to reimburse the agency for the costs of administering and enforcing sections 115A.1331  
35.21 to 115A.1342, is sufficient but not excessive. The commissioner may adjust the amount of  
35.22 the recycling fee or additional payment after considering:

35.23 (1) current and projected sales of electronics recyclables in this state;

35.24 (2) current and projected collection rates of electronics recyclables discarded in this  
35.25 state;

35.26 (3) the costs of collecting, transporting, and recycling electronics recyclables in this  
35.27 state; and

35.28 (4) the agency's costs of administering and enforcing sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1342.

35.29 (b) To ensure the most efficient use of recycling fees, the commissioner must encourage  
35.30 and may require collectors operating in nearby areas to consolidate what would otherwise  
35.31 be smaller separate shipments of electronics recyclables to recyclers.

36.1 (c) The commissioner must enforce sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1339 in the manner  
36.2 provided by sections 115.071, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6; and 116.072. The commissioner  
36.3 may revoke a registration of a collector or recycler that violates sections 115A.1331 to  
36.4 115A.1338.

36.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

36.6 **Sec. 19. [115A.1339] REPORTING.**

36.7 No later than July 1, 2026, and by each July 1 thereafter, the commissioner must submit  
36.8 a written report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees  
36.9 with primary jurisdiction over environment policy and finance on the operation of the  
36.10 electronic waste recycling program under sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1339. The report  
36.11 must include, at a minimum:

36.12 (1) the total weight of electronics recyclables collected during the previous year, by  
36.13 collector and county;

36.14 (2) the total weight of electronics recyclables transported for recycling during the previous  
36.15 year, by collector and county;

36.16 (3) total recycling fees deposited into the electronic waste recycling account;

36.17 (4) total reimbursements paid to collectors from the electronic waste recycling account;

36.18 (5) impacts of the electronic waste recycling program on the number or location of  
36.19 collectors;

36.20 (6) suggested changes to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the electronic waste  
36.21 recycling program; and

36.22 (7) any other information about program operations or other issues the commissioner  
36.23 deems relevant.

36.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

36.25 **Sec. 20. [115A.1340] OTHER RECYCLING PROGRAMS.**

36.26 A city, county, or other public agency may not require purchasers of electronics  
36.27 recyclables to use public facilities to recycle electronics recyclables to the exclusion of other  
36.28 lawful programs available. Nothing in sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1338 prohibits or restricts  
36.29 the operation of any program recycling electronics recyclables in addition to those operated  
36.30 under sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1338 or prohibits or restricts any persons from receiving,

37.1 collecting, transporting, or recycling electronics recyclables if those persons are registered  
37.2 under section 115A.1312.

37.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

37.4 Sec. 21. **[115A.1341] ELECTRONICS RECYCLABLES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

37.5 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; members.** (a) The commissioner must, no later than  
37.6 October 1, 2024, establish and appoint an Electronics Recyclables Advisory Committee  
37.7 consisting of 11 members appointed as follows:

37.8 (1) one representative from each of two different sites operated by a public entity where  
37.9 electronics recyclables are collected for recycling;

37.10 (2) one representative from each of two different sites operated by a private entity where  
37.11 electronics recyclables are collected for recycling;

37.12 (3) one representative from each of two different Tribal environmental services  
37.13 organizations;

37.14 (4) one representative of a recycler of covered electronic devices, as defined in section  
37.15 115A.1310, subdivision 7a;

37.16 (5) one representative of a recycler of electronics recyclables;

37.17 (6) one representative from each of two different environmental nonprofit organizations;  
37.18 and

37.19 (7) one representative from the public at-large.

37.20 (b) In appointing members to the advisory committee, the commissioner must:

37.21 (1) appoint a laborer as one of the representatives from a public or private collection  
37.22 site;

37.23 (2) not appoint a person who is a lobbyist registered under section 10A.03;

37.24 (3) appoint no more than seven members of the advisory committee who reside in Anoka,  
37.25 Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, or Washington Counties; and

37.26 (4) endeavor to appoint members representing all regions of the state.

37.27 Subd. 2. **Duties.** The advisory committee must recommend to the commissioner, based  
37.28 on information the advisory committee has gathered from collectors, recyclers, electronics  
37.29 manufacturers, environmental organizations, and members of the public, modifications to  
37.30 the programs operated under sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1338, including the level of the

38.1 recycling fee established under section 115A.1335, that would make the programs more  
38.2 efficient or less costly or increase the amount of covered electronic devices and electronics  
38.3 recyclables collected and recycled.

38.4 Subd. 3. **Administration.** (a) The advisory committee must elect a chair by majority  
38.5 vote at its initial meeting. The advisory committee must meet quarterly. Additional meetings  
38.6 may be held at the call of the chair.

38.7 (b) Agency staff serves as staff to the advisory committee.

38.8 Sec. 22. **[115A.1342] ELECTRONICS RECYCLER AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT**  
38.9 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

38.10 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "eligible applicant" means  
38.11 a recycler located in Minnesota that is participating in recycling programs operating under  
38.12 sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1337.

38.13 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** An electronics recycler air quality grant program is established  
38.14 in the agency to assist eligible applicants to purchase and install equipment to improve air  
38.15 quality in or outside the recycling facilities.

38.16 Subd. 3. **Application and award process.** (a) To be considered for a grant under this  
38.17 section, an eligible applicant must file a written application with the commissioner on a  
38.18 form prescribed by the commissioner.

38.19 (b) The commissioner must act as fiscal agent for the grant program and must develop  
38.20 administrative procedures to evaluate the application, evaluation, and grant award processes.

38.21 (c) The commissioner must award grants on a first-come, first-served basis.

38.22 (d) Grants may be awarded to an eligible applicant for:

38.23 (1) equipment that improves indoor air quality in a facility operating a shredder or  
38.24 smelter;

38.25 (2) equipment that improves outdoor air quality in a facility operating a smelter; or

38.26 (3) forklifts that operate solely on electricity that replace forklifts operating solely on a  
38.27 fossil fuel.

38.28 Subd. 4. **Grant amounts.** A grant awarded under this section may not exceed the lesser  
38.29 of 90 percent of the purchase and installation costs of the applicable equipment or \$500,000.

38.30 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2028.

38.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

39.1 Sec. 23. **ELECTRONICS RECYCLING STUDY.**

39.2 (a) The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must contract with an independent  
39.3 third party to conduct a study that examines the barriers to electronics recycling and  
39.4 recommends ways those barriers may be overcome. The study must, at a minimum, address:

39.5 (1) the status of end markets for materials recovered from electronics recycling;

39.6 (2) information regarding the toxicity of materials recovered from electronics recycling;

39.7 (3) ways to promote worker safety in facilities that recycle electronics;

39.8 (4) opportunities and methods to recover precious metals from electronic recycling  
39.9 processes;

39.10 (5) measures to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases from electronic recycling facilities;  
39.11 and

39.12 (6) how changes in product design that increase the recyclability of electronics products  
39.13 can be encouraged.

39.14 (b) No later than March 1, 2025, the commissioner must submit a written report  
39.15 containing the findings and recommendations of the study to the chairs and ranking minority  
39.16 members of the senate and house of representatives committees with primary responsibility  
39.17 over recycling.

39.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

39.19 Sec. 24. **REPEALER.**

39.20 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 115A.1316, subdivisions 1, 2, and 3, are repealed.

**115A.1316 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Manufacturer reporting requirements.** (a) By March 1 each year, each manufacturer must report to the agency using the form prescribed:

(1) the total weight of each specific model of its video display devices sold to households during the previous calendar year; and

(2) either:

(i) the total weight of its video display devices sold to households during the previous calendar year; or

(ii) an estimate of the total weight of its video display devices sold to households during the previous calendar year, calculated by multiplying the weight of its video display devices sold nationally times the quotient of Minnesota's population divided by the national population. All manufacturers with sales of 99 or fewer video display devices to households in the state during the previous calendar year must report using the method under this item for calculating sales.

A manufacturer must submit with the report required under this paragraph a description of how the information or estimate was calculated.

(b) By August 15 each year, each manufacturer must report to the agency:

(1) the total weight of covered electronic devices the manufacturer collected from households and recycled or arranged to have collected and recycled during the preceding program year;

(2) the number of phase I and phase II recycling credits the manufacturer has purchased and sold during the preceding program year;

(3) the number of phase I and phase II recycling credits possessed by the manufacturer that the manufacturer elects to use in the calculation of its variable recycling fee under section 115A.1314, subdivision 1; and

(4) the number of phase I and phase II recycling credits the manufacturer retains at the beginning of the current program year.

(c) Upon request of the commissioner of revenue, the agency shall provide a copy of each report to the commissioner of revenue.

Subd. 2. **Recycler reporting requirements.** (a) By July 15 each year, a recycler of covered electronic devices must report to the agency:

(1) the total weight of covered electronic devices recycled during the preceding program year and must certify that the recycler has complied with section 115A.1318, subdivision 2;

(2) the weight of video display devices recycled as part of covered electronic devices recycled during the previous program year; and

(3) an estimate of the weight of portable batteries and any mercury-containing lamps that are associated with the covered electronic devices managed.

(b) Upon request of the commissioner of revenue, the agency shall provide a copy of each report to the commissioner of revenue.

Subd. 3. **Collector reporting requirements.** By July 15 each year, a collector must report separately to the agency using the form prescribed by the commissioner:

(1) the total pounds of covered electronic devices collected in the state;

(2) a list of all recyclers to whom collectors delivered covered electronic devices; and

(3) whether the collector had a contract with a recycler or manufacturer to provide pounds toward meeting a manufacturer's obligation.