

A bill for an act
relating to environment; modifying Infectious Waste Control Act; amending
Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 116.78, subdivision 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 116.78, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Sharps.** (a) Sharps, except those generated from a household or from a
farm operation or agricultural business:

(1) must be placed in puncture-resistant sharps disposal containers;

(2) may not be compacted or mixed with other waste material whether or not the
sharps are decontaminated unless it is part of an infectious waste decontamination process
approved by the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency that will prevent exposure
during transportation and disposal; and

(3) may not be disposed of at refuse-derived fuel facilities or at other facilities
where waste is hand sorted.

(b) Every box of 90 or more syringes sold by sharps retailers must be accompanied
by a free sharps disposal container that has adequate capacity to contain the sharps
purchased. A purchaser may decline to accept the sharps disposal container. Sharps
containers must be provided by the sharps manufacturers to the sharps retailers at no cost.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2010.