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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to commerce; modifying requirements for entities offering biodegradable
1.3 or compostable products; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 325E.046,
1.4 subdivision 2a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 325E.046, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2a. **Certification of products.** ~~Beginning January 1, 2026,~~ A manufacturer,
1.8 distributor, or wholesaler may not sell or offer for sale and any other person may not
1.9 knowingly sell or offer for sale in this state a covered product labeled as "biodegradable"
1.10 or "compostable" unless the covered product is certified as meeting the requirements of
1.11 subdivision 1 or 2, as applicable, by an entity that:

1.12 ~~(1) is a nonprofit corporation;~~

1.13 ~~(2) as its primary focus of operation;~~ (1) promotes the production, use, and appropriate
1.14 end of life for materials and products that are designed to fully biodegrade in specific
1.15 biologically active environments such as industrial composting; and

1.16 ~~(3)~~ (2) is technically capable of and willing to perform analysis necessary to determine
1.17 a product's compliance with subdivision 1 or 2, as applicable.

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