

A bill for an act

relating to environment; providing for safe sharps management; amending
Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 116.76, subdivision 18; proposing coding for
new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 116.76, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

Subd. 18. **Sharps.** "Sharps" means:

(1) discarded items that can induce subdermal inoculation of infectious agents,
including needles, lancets, scalpel blades, pipettes, and other items derived from human
or animal patient care, blood banks, laboratories, mortuaries, research facilities, and
industrial operations; and

(2) discarded glass or rigid plastic vials containing infectious agents.

Sec. 2. **[116.835] SAFE SHARPS MANAGEMENT.**

(a) A pharmaceutical manufacturer that sells or distributes a medication in
Minnesota that is usually intended to be self-injected in a home resulting in the generation
of sharps shall, on or before July 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, submit to the Pollution
Control Agency a plan that describes how the manufacturer supports the safe collection
and proper disposal of the sharps.

(b) The plan required under paragraph (a) shall include, at a minimum, a description
of the actions, if any, taken by the manufacturer to do the following:

(1) provide for the safe collection and proper disposal of sharps;

(2) educate consumers about safe management and collection opportunities; and

2.1 (3) support efforts by retailers, pharmaceutical distributors, manufacturers of sharps,
2.2 local governments, health care organizations, public health officers, solid waste service
2.3 providers, and other groups with interest in protecting public health and safety through the
2.4 sale, collection, and proper disposal of sharps.

2.5 (c) The manufacturer must post and maintain a copy of the plans required under
2.6 paragraph (a) on its Web site.

2.7 (d) The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must post and maintain
2.8 copies of plans submitted by manufacturers on the Pollution Control Agency Web site.

2.9 (e) For purposes of this section, "sharps" has the meaning given in section 116.76,
2.10 subdivision 18.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2011.