

CHAPTER 297H

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT TAXES

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297H.01 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT TAX DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subds 1 to 7, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 8. **Residential generator.** "Residential generator" means any of the following:

- (1) a detached single family residence that generates mixed municipal solid waste or non-mixed-municipal solid waste;
- (2) a person residing in a building or site containing multiple residences that generates mixed municipal solid waste, including apartment buildings, common interest communities, or manufactured home parks, where each residence is separately billed by the waste service provider;
- (3) an owner of a building or site containing multiple residences or an association representing residences that generate mixed municipal solid waste or non-mixed-municipal solid waste, including apartment buildings, condominiums, manufactured home parks, or town-homes where no residence is separately billed for such service by the waste management service provider and the owner or association is billed directly for the waste management services. A residential generator does not include a self-hauler.

[For text of subds 9 to 12, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 11 art 3 s 9

297H.05 SELF-HAULERS.

(a) A self-hauler of mixed municipal solid waste shall pay the tax to the operator of the waste management facility to which the waste is delivered at the rate imposed under section 297H.03, based on the sales price of the waste management services.

(b) A self-hauler of non-mixed-municipal solid waste shall pay the tax to the operator of the waste management facility to which the waste is delivered at the rate imposed under section 297H.04.

(c) The tax imposed on the self-hauler of non-mixed-municipal solid waste may be based either on the capacity of the container, the actual volume, or the weight-to-volume conversion schedule in paragraph (d). However, the tax must be calculated by the operator using the same method for calculating the tipping fee so that both are calculated according to container capacity, actual volume, or weight.

(d) The weight-to-volume conversion schedule for:

(1) construction debris as defined in section 115A.03, subdivision 7, is one ton equals 3.33 cubic yards, or \$2 per ton;

(2) industrial waste as defined in section 115A.03, subdivision 13a, is equal to 60 cents per cubic yard. The commissioner of revenue, after consultation with the commissioner of the pollution control agency, shall determine, and may publish by notice, a conversion schedule for various industrial wastes; and

(3) infectious waste as defined in section 116.76, subdivision 12, and pathological waste as defined in section 116.76, subdivision 14, is 150 pounds equals one cubic yard, or 60 cents per 150 pounds.

(e) For mixed municipal solid waste the tax is imposed upon the difference between the market price and the tip fee at a processing or disposal facility if the tip fee is less than the market price and the political subdivision subsidizes the cost of service at the facility. The political subdivision is liable for the tax.

History: 1999 c 243 art 7 s 11

297H.06 EXEMPTIONS.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 2. **Materials.** The tax is not imposed upon charges to generators of mixed municipal solid waste or upon the volume of non-mixed-municipal solid waste for waste management services to manage the following materials:

(1) mixed municipal solid waste and non-mixed-municipal solid waste generated outside of Minnesota;

(2) recyclable materials that are separated for recycling by the generator, collected separately from other waste, and recycled, to the extent the price of the service for handling recyclable material is separately itemized;

(3) recyclable non-mixed-municipal solid waste that is separated for recycling by the generator, collected separately from other waste, delivered to a waste facility for the purpose of recycling, and recycled;

(4) industrial waste, when it is transported to a facility owned and operated by the same person that generated it;

(5) mixed municipal solid waste from a recycling facility that separates or processes recyclable materials and reduces the volume of the waste by at least 85 percent, provided that the exempted waste is managed separately from other waste;

(6) recyclable materials that are separated from mixed municipal solid waste by the generator, collected and delivered to a waste facility that recycles at least 85 percent of its waste, and are collected with mixed municipal solid waste that is segregated in leakproof bags, provided that the mixed municipal solid waste does not exceed five percent of the total weight of the materials delivered to the facility and is ultimately delivered to a waste facility identified as a preferred waste management facility in county solid waste plans under section 115A.46;

(7) through December 31, 2002, source-separated compostable waste, if the waste is delivered to a facility exempted as described in this clause. To initially qualify for an exemption, a facility must apply for an exemption in its application for a new or amended solid waste permit to the pollution control agency. The first time a facility applies to the agency it must certify in its application that it will comply with the criteria in items (i) to (v) and the commissioner of the agency shall so certify to the commissioner of revenue who must grant the exemption. For each subsequent calendar year, by October 1 of the preceding year, the facility must apply to the agency for certification to renew its exemption for the following year. The application must be filed according to the procedures of, and contain the information required by, the agency. The commissioner of revenue shall grant the exemption if the commissioner of the pollution control agency finds and certifies to the commissioner of revenue that based on an evaluation of the composition of incoming waste and residuals and the quality and use of the product:

(i) generators separate materials at the source;

(ii) the separation is performed in a manner appropriate to the technology specific to the facility that:

(A) maximizes the quality of the product;

(B) minimizes the toxicity and quantity of residuals; and

(C) provides an opportunity for significant improvement in the environmental efficiency of the operation;

(iii) the operator of the facility educates generators, in coordination with each county using the facility, about separating the waste to maximize the quality of the waste stream for technology specific to the facility;

(iv) process residuals do not exceed 15 percent of the weight of the total material delivered to the facility; and

(v) the final product is accepted for use;

(8) waste and waste by-products for which the tax has been paid; and

(9) daily cover for landfills that has been approved in writing by the Minnesota pollution control agency.

History: 1999 c 243 art 7 s 12

297H.13 DEPOSIT OF REVENUES; USE OF PROCEEDS; FUNDING SHORT-FALLS; REPORT ON RECEIPTS.

[For text of subds 1 to 4, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 5. Report on receipts. The commissioner of revenue shall report to the chairs of the house and senate environment and natural resources committees; the house environment and natural resources finance division; the senate environment and agriculture budget division; the house tax committee and the senate taxes and tax laws committee; the commissioner of the pollution control agency; and the director of the office of environmental assistance on the total tax revenues received from the taxes imposed under this chapter. The reports shall be made as follows:

(1) a report by August 31 of each year based on amounts received by the commissioner of revenue from January 1 through June 30 of that year; and

(2) a report by February 28 of each year based on amounts received by the commissioner of revenue from July 1 through December 31 of the preceding year.

[For text of subd 6, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 231 s 181