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FIRST COMMITTEE ENGROSSMENT

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

Referred by Chair to Labor and Consumer Protection Division.

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Returned to the Committee on Commerce and Labor as Amended.

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to regulation of trade; prohibiting the sale of certain plastics that do
1.3 not meet a specification; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapter 325E.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[325E.046] BIODEGRADABLE STANDARD FOR PLASTIC BAGS**
1.7 **AND CONTAINERS.**

1.8 A person may not manufacture or bring into this state for sale in this state a plastic
1.9 bag or container labeled "compostable," "biodegradable," "degradable," or any form of
1.10 those terms, or in any way imply that the bag or container will break down in a landfill,
1.11 composting, or other terrestrial environment unless, at the time of sale, the bag or container
1.12 meets the ASTM Standard Specification for Compostable Plastics (D6400). For purposes
1.13 of this section "ASTM" has the meaning given in section 296A.01, subdivision 6.

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