A Bill to Allow Minnesota Sanitation Companies to Charge Recycling Rates Based on Actual Costs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA HEREIN ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Public and private sanitation companies providing recycling services within the State of Minnesota shall be permitted to charge rates based on the actual cost per ton of processing or disposing of recyclable materials. Companies may include reasonable transportation, labor, and operational expenses in their rates; however, additional fees and profit shall not exceed 10% of the total cost of providing those recycling services.

SECTION 2. For purposes of this legislation, "cost per ton" means the amount charged to a sanitation company to process or dispose of one ton of recyclable materials. This legislation applies only to recycling services provided within the State of Minnesota.

SECTION 3. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) shall oversee and enforce this legislation. The agency may review sanitation companies' recycling costs, verify compliance with the 10% limit on additional fees and profit, investigate complaints of excessive charges, and require companies to adjust rates that violate the legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on May 1, 2027. All Minnesota laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pequot Lakes High School.