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**HOUSE FILE No. 4048**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to solid waste; prohibiting placing beverage containers in solid waste;  
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A.

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

1.5 Section 1. **[115A.9331] BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROHIBITION.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms  
1.7 have the meanings given.

1.8 (b) "Beverage" means:

1.9 (1) any soft drink, soda water, carbonated or uncarbonated natural or mineral water,  
1.10 juice, tea, or coffee;

1.11 (2) beer, ale, or other malt liquor;

1.12 (3) distilled spirits, wine, or mixed wine; and

1.13 (4) other drinks in liquid form intended for human consumption.

1.14 (c) "Beverage container" means an airtight metal, glass, or plastic container, or a  
1.15 container composed of a combination of these materials, that, when sold or offered for  
1.16 sale, contains one gallon or less of a beverage.

1.17 (d) "Distilled spirits" has the meaning given in section 340A.101, subdivision 9.

1.18 (e) "Malt liquor" has the meaning given in section 340A.101, subdivision 16.

1.19 (f) "Manufacturer" means a person who places beverages in beverage containers  
1.20 for eventual sale to consumers.

1.21 (g) "Mixed wine" means a drink containing less than seven percent alcohol  
1.22 by volume, consisting of wine and plain, sparkling, or carbonated water and other  
1.23 nonalcoholic ingredients.

1.24 (h) "Wine" has the meaning given in section 340A.101, subdivision 29.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Prohibition.** A person may not place a beverage container in mixed  
2.2 municipal solid waste.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2010.