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Minnesota governor signs paint stewardship bill into law

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Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton recently signed a bill that will require all paint manufacturers to fund and operate a post-consumer take-back program for their products, according to the Product Stewardship Institute Inc.

Despite passing a similar extended producer responsibility bill for paint in both houses of the legislature in 2008, the bill was vetoed twice by former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, the report said.

At that time, Minnesota was the first state in the country to introduce an extended producer responsibility bill for paint. Now, following the passage of paint stewardship legislation in Oregon, California, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont, Minnesota will be the sixth state to pass the bill into

law, according to PSI, which tracks EPR legislation and advocates for it.

Minnesota's program will be funded through a per-container fee that manufacturers pay to PaintCare Inc., a nonprofit organization that has helped implement programs in other states and will oversee the implementation of Minnesota's program, according to the report.

All architectural paint manufacturers that sell their products in Minnesota will be required to register with the PaintCare program, the report said.

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