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Overview

The State of Minnesota has been providing ethanol producer payments to eligible plants since 1987. Amendments to the program enacted in 2003 established a requirement that each plant applying for an ethanol producer payment must report to the commissioner of agriculture on the business structure of the company and the fraction of equity interest owned by Minnesota farmers. House File 1766 amends the statute by modifying the requirement for reports on company ownership.

Section

- Ethanol producer payments. Amends existing statute to reduce the requirement (adopted in 2003) that an ethanol plant applying for producer payments after June 30, 2003, must disclose its ownership structure and principal shareholders.
- **Delayed payments in 2003.** An ethanol producer that was denied ethanol producer payments in 2003 for refusing to disclose ownership information is to be given the payments not later than 60 days after the effective date of section 1.
- **Effective date.** Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.