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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

**This bill proposes to modify the statutory deadline for nursery certificate fees and requires a person storing prepackaged dormant nursery stock to provide adequate sunlight so as to prevent bleached and unnatural plant growth. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) administers state nursery laws.**

#### Section

- 1**     **Individual Dormant.** Creates a definition for “dormant” and inserts this new definition in alphabetical order within the list of definitions in section 18H.02.
- 2**     **Etiolated growth.** Creates a definition for “etiolated growth” as used in chapter 18H.
- 3**     **Individual.** Technical – reinstates in alphabetical order the definition for “individual” that was deleted in section 1 to make room for “dormant.”
- 4**     **Packaged stock.** Creates a definition for “packaged stock” as used in chapter 18H.
- 5**     **Nursery stock growers certificate.** Changes the fee deadline that nursery stock growers must meet from received by January 1 to postmarked by December 31.
- 6**     **Nursery stock dealer certificate.** Makes a corresponding change to the deadline for nursery stock dealer fees.
- 7**     **Nursery stock certification requirements.** Adds plants identified by nursery stock dealers and submitted for inspection to the MDA’s mandatory plant inspection duties.
- 8**     **Storage of nursery stock.** Requires a person who stores packaged dormant nursery stock to maintain conditions that retard growth, prevent etiolated growth, and protect the dormant stock’s viability.

- 9**      **Repealer.** Repeals an MDA nursery stock rule stating that, “It shall be required that dormant nursery stock being held for sale to the public be stored under conditions which will retard growth and protect its viability.” Note the absence of “etiolated growth.”