

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 1717, the delete everything amendment
1.2 (H1717DE2), as follows:

1.3 Page 4, after line 28, insert:

1.4 "Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 18B.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.5 read:

1.6 Subd. 30b. **Treated seed.** "Treated seed" means seed that has an agricultural pesticide
1.7 directly applied to the seed before planting and classified by the United States Environmental
1.8 Protection Agency as a treated article under Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, section
1.9 152.25, paragraph (a), and exempt from regulation under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide,
1.10 and Rodenticide Act, United State Code, title 7, sections 136 to 136y.

1.11 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 18B.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.12 Subdivision 1. **Administration by commissioner.** The commissioner shall administer,
1.13 implement, and enforce this chapter and the Department of Agriculture is the lead state
1.14 agency for the regulation of pesticides. The commissioner has the sole regulatory authority
1.15 over the terrestrial application of pesticides, including, but not limited to, the application
1.16 of pesticides to agricultural crops, structures, and other nonaquatic environments. Except
1.17 as provided in subdivision 3, a state agency other than the Department of Agriculture shall
1.18 not regulate or require permits for the terrestrial or nonaquatic application of pesticides.
1.19 The commissioner is responsible for developing guidance and best management practices
1.20 for treated seed.

1.21 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 18B.04, is amended to read:

1.22 **18B.04 PESTICIDE IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT.**

1.23 (a) The commissioner shall:

2.1 (1) determine the impact of pesticides on the environment, including the impacts on
2.2 surface water and groundwater in this state;

2.3 (2) develop best management practices involving pesticide or treated seed distribution,
2.4 storage, handling, use, and disposal; and

2.5 (3) cooperate with and assist other state agencies and local governments to protect public
2.6 health, pollinators, and the environment from harmful exposure to pesticides.

2.7 (b) The commissioner may assemble a group of experts under section 16C.10, subdivision
2.8 2, to consult in the investigation of pollinator deaths or illnesses. The group of experts may
2.9 include representatives from local, state, and federal agencies; academia, including the
2.10 University of Minnesota; the state pollinator bank; or other professionals as deemed necessary
2.11 by the commissioner. The amount necessary for the purposes of this paragraph, not to exceed
2.12 \$100,000 per fiscal year, is appropriated from the pesticide regulatory account in section
2.13 18B.05.

2.14 (c) The commissioner may engage the University of Minnesota and others in conducting
2.15 research and demonstration projects and developing recommended best management practices
2.16 for the use of treated seed."

2.17 Page 6, after line 23, insert:

2.18 "Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 18B.305, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.19 Subdivision 1. **Education and training.** (a) The commissioner, as the lead agency, shall
2.20 develop, implement or approve, and evaluate, in consultation with University of Minnesota
2.21 Extension, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, and other educational
2.22 institutions, innovative educational and training programs addressing pesticide concerns
2.23 including:

2.24 (1) water quality protection;

2.25 (2) endangered species protection;

2.26 (3) minimizing pesticide residues in food and water;

2.27 (4) worker protection and applicator safety;

2.28 (5) chronic toxicity;

2.29 (6) integrated pest management and pest resistance;

2.30 (7) pesticide disposal;

2.31 (8) pesticide drift;

- 3.1 (9) treated seed;
- 3.2 ~~(9)~~ (10) relevant laws including pesticide labels and labeling and state and federal rules
- 3.3 and regulations; and
- 3.4 ~~(10)~~ (11) current science and technology updates.
- 3.5 (b) The commissioner shall appoint educational planning committees which must include
- 3.6 representatives of industry and applicators.
- 3.7 (c) Specific current regulatory concerns must be discussed and, if appropriate,
- 3.8 incorporated into each training session. Relevant changes to pesticide product labels or
- 3.9 labeling or state and federal rules and regulations may be included.
- 3.10 (d) The commissioner may approve programs from private industry, higher education
- 3.11 institutions, and nonprofit organizations that meet minimum requirements for education,
- 3.12 training, and certification."
- 3.13 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references