

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 907 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 18C.425, subdivision 6, is amended to  
1.4 read:

1.5 Subd. 6. **Payment of inspection fee.** (a) The person who registers and distributes in  
1.6 the state a specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant amendment under section 18C.411  
1.7 shall pay the inspection fee to the commissioner.

1.8 (b) The person licensed under section 18C.415 who distributes a fertilizer to a person  
1.9 not required to be so licensed shall pay the inspection fee to the commissioner, except as  
1.10 exempted under section 18C.421, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

1.11 (c) The person responsible for payment of the inspection fees for fertilizers, soil  
1.12 amendments, or plant amendments sold and used in this state must pay an inspection fee of  
1.13 30 cents per ton, and until June 30, 2019, an additional 40 cents per ton, of fertilizer, soil  
1.14 amendment, and plant amendment sold or distributed in this state, with a minimum of \$10  
1.15 on all tonnage reports. Notwithstanding section 18C.131, the commissioner must deposit  
1.16 all revenue from the additional 40 cent per ton fee in the agricultural fertilizer research  
1.17 and education account in section 18C.80. Products sold or distributed to manufacturers or  
1.18 exchanged between them are exempt from the inspection fee imposed by this subdivision  
1.19 if the products are used exclusively for manufacturing purposes.

1.20 (d) A registrant or licensee must retain invoices showing proof of fertilizer, plant  
1.21 amendment, or soil amendment distribution amounts and inspection fees paid for a period  
1.22 of three years.

1.23 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 18C.70, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.24 Subd. 2. **Powers and duties.** The council must review applications and select  
1.25 projects to receive agricultural fertilizer research and education program grants, as  
1.26 authorized in section 18C.71. The council must establish a program to provide grants to

2.1 research, education, and technology transfer projects related to agricultural fertilizer, soil  
2.2 amendments, and plant amendments. For the purpose of this section, "fertilizer" includes  
2.3 soil amendments and plant amendments, but does not include vegetable or animal manures  
2.4 that are not manipulated. The commissioner is responsible for all fiscal and administrative  
2.5 duties ~~in the first year and may use up to eight percent of program revenue to offset costs~~  
2.6 incurred. No later than October 1, 2007, the commissioner must provide the council with  
2.7 an estimate of the annual costs the commissioner would incur in administering the program.

2.8       **Sec. 3. [18C.80] AGRICULTURAL FERTILIZER RESEARCH AND**  
2.9       **EDUCATION ACCOUNT.**

2.10       (a) An agricultural fertilizer research and education account is established in the  
2.11 state treasury. Money in the account, including interest earned, is appropriated to the  
2.12 commissioner for grants awarded by the Minnesota Agricultural Fertilizer Research and  
2.13 Education Council under section 18C.71. The commissioner may use up to \$80,000 each  
2.14 fiscal year to provide fiscal and administrative support to the council as required under  
2.15 section 18C.70, subdivision 2.

2.16       (b) This section expires January 8, 2017."

2.17       Amend the title accordingly