

Subject Pesticides

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Summary

This bill would allow Minnesota cities to prohibit the use of pollinator-lethal insecticides, as defined in the bill, within their borders. However, cities could not prohibit certain pet care, personal care, and indoor pest control products. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture would maintain a list of pollinator-lethal insecticides on the agency's website.

State law currently preempts, or prevents, most local pesticide control ordinances (Minn. Stat. § 18B.02). However, a specific exception allows cities to require licensed applicators to post warning signs after applying pesticide to a yard, park, or other turf-grass area (Minn. Stat. § 18B.09). H.F. 718 would retain cities' ability to require warning signs and provide new authority to prohibit pollinator-lethal insecticides.