

Subject Pesticide-treated seed

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Overview

This bill regulates the sale, use, and disposal of seed treated with a neonicotinoid pesticide.

According to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), neonicotinoids are a class of insecticides that are widely used as a seed treatment for various crops.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Coated agricultural seed. Defines this term for purposes of the Minnesota Seed Law.
2	Miscellaneous violations. Prohibits using or selling neonicotinoid-treated seed for food, feed, oil, or ethanol production.
3	Pesticide treated seed use and disposal; consumer guidance required. Requires MDA to develop and maintain consumer guidance regarding the proper use and disposal of neonicotinoid-treated seed. Requires retailers to post MDA's guidance in a conspicuous location.
4	Prohibited disposal methods. Prohibits certain disposal methods for neonicotinoid-treated seed.
5	Rulemaking required. Requires the Pollution Control Agency, in consultation with MDA and the University of Minnesota, to adopt rules regarding the safe and lawful disposal of unwanted or unused neonicotinoid-treated seed and specifies that these rules must clearly identify the regulatory jurisdictions of state agencies and local governments.

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6	Appropriation. Appropriates general fund dollars to the Pollution Control Agency for the required rulemaking, and to MDA for the required consumer guidance.



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