

Subject Pesticide
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Overview

This bill establishes a temporary, dedicated source of funding for University of Minnesota pollinator research and outreach by increasing fees paid to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture by those who register or sell pollinator lethal insecticides in the state.

Under current law and the bill, “pollinator lethal insecticide” is defined as an insecticide absorbed by a plant that makes the plant lethal to pollinators, including but not limited to the neonicotinoid class of insecticides that affect the central nervous system of pollinators and may cause pollinator paralysis or death. (Minn. Stat. § 18H.02, subd. 28a.)

Summary

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| 1 | Pollinator research account. Modifies the existing Pollinator Habitat and Research Account first established in 2017. Eliminates “Habitat” from the title; expands eligible uses to include research and outreach on pesticide, parasite, and climate disruption impacts; and extends the Account’s expiration date by three years, to July 1, 2025. |
| 2 | Registration application and gross sales fee. Temporarily increases the gross sales fee paid by those who register nonagricultural pollinator lethal insecticides for sale and use in Minnesota. Deposits fee proceeds in the Pollinator Research Account. Does the same for gross sales fees paid by pesticide dealers who sell agricultural pollinator lethal insecticides. |



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