

Subject Pesticide
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Overview

This bill establishes a Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) program to compensate those who incur damages or other costs due to another person's application of a dicamba pesticide product on adjoining land. The program would be funded by an annual gross sales fee paid by pesticide dealers who sell agricultural dicamba products.

According to the MDA, dicamba is a selective herbicide used for post-emergent control of broadleaf weeds in corn, soybeans, and a variety of other food and feed crops in Minnesota and may also be used for residential weed control.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Dicamba compensation account. Creates a dedicated account in the Agricultural Fund to hold the gross sales fee revenue that MDA would collect from pesticide dealers who sell agricultural dicamba pesticide products. Money in this new account would be appropriated to MDA to award compensation payments under section 2.
2	Dicamba compensation program. Establishes a program to compensate those who MDA determines were harmed by someone else's use of a dicamba pesticide product on neighboring property. Compensation payments would equal the person's reasonable and documented damages and costs of at least \$100 and no more than \$20,000, minus insurance proceeds or other money the applicant receives from other sources.
3	Registration application and gross sales fee. Establishes an annual sales fee paid by pesticide dealers who sell agricultural dicamba pesticide products. The fee would equal 0.1 percent of the dealer's gross

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	sales of these products. Deposits fee revenue in the dedicated account established in section 1.
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