

Subject Fertilizer and sewage sludge

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Overview

This bill amends Chapter 18C, Fertilizer, Soil Amendment, and Plant Amendment. Among other things, this bill requires record retention of sewage sludge transfers, prohibits open burning of fertilizer, allows for delegation of Chapter 18C duties to cities of the first class, and prohibits application of animal waste and sewage sludge on impervious surfaces.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Delegation of duties. Allows the commissioner of agriculture to delegate duties under Chapter 18C, Fertilizer, Soil Amendment, and Plant Amendment, to cities of the first class.
2	Certification of regulatory compliance. Removes outdated reference.
3	Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. Allows the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to review records maintained of sewage sludge transactions to investigate PFAS contamination or any other purpose in Chapter 18C, Fertilizer, Soil Amendment, and Plant Amendment.
4	Sewage sludge without charge exempt. Exempts sewage sludge transferred between parties without compensation from the record retention requirement in section 5.
5	Record retention. Requires a party receiving or transferring sewage sludge to maintain a record of the transaction, including the date, amount, and parties involved. Requires parties with records retained under this subdivision to make the records available to MDA upon department request.

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6	Storage, handling, distribution, or disposal. Expands endangerment standard for fertilizer storage, handling, distribution, and disposal to also include consideration of dangers to feed and all aquatic life (not just fish).
7	Fertilizer, rinsate, and container disposal. Determines that open burn of fertilizer has an unreasonable adverse effect on the environment, prohibiting that practice.
8	Fertilizer application to impervious surface; prohibition. Prohibits the application of animal waste and sewage sludge to impervious surfaces (streets, parking lots, driveways). Mandates immediate containment of animal waste and sewage sludge released on an impervious surface.



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