

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; pesticide-treated wood products; or a pesticide used or applied by the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District for public health protection if the pesticide has a vector disease control label. 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.