

Subject Pest Control

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Overview

This bill would modify license renewal and financial responsibility requirements that apply to pesticide applicators licensed by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). H.F. 4164 would impact the following license types: structural pest control (i.e., applicators who apply pesticides in, on, or around structures); commercial (i.e., anyone who applies pesticides for hire); and noncommercial (i.e., employees who apply restricted-use pesticides on property controlled by their employer).

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Renewal.</p> <p>Authorizes MDA to require a structural pest control applicator to pass a reexamination test if the applicator does not attend an MDA-required recertification workshop.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Financial responsibility.</p> <p>Eliminates language prohibiting MDA from issuing a structural pest control applicator's license if the applicant fails to furnish proof of financial responsibility (i.e., net worth of at least \$50,000, or a performance bond or insurance in the amount required by MDA). Authorizes MDA to suspend or revoke a structural pest control applicator's license if the applicator fails to provide proof of financial responsibility upon request.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Renewal application.</p> <p>Allows MDA to require commercial applicators seeking license renewal to complete a recertification workshop annually, biennially, or once every three years depending upon the applicator's license category. Authorizes MDA to require the licensee to pass a reexamination test if the licensee does not attend an MDA-required recertification workshop.</p> |

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4	<p>Financial responsibility.</p> <p>Similar to section 2 but applicable to commercial applicator licensees, this section eliminates language that prohibits MDA from issuing a commercial applicator's license if the applicant fails to furnish proof of financial responsibility. Authorizes MDA to suspend or revoke a commercial applicator's license if the applicator fails to provide adequate proof of financial responsibility upon request.</p>
5	<p>Renewal.</p> <p>Similar to section 3 but applicable to noncommercial applicator licensees, this section allows MDA to require noncommercial applicator licensees seeking license renewal to complete a recertification workshop annually, biennially, or once every three years depending upon the applicator's license category. Authorizes MDA to require a licensee to pass a reexamination test if the licensee does not attend an MDA-required recertification workshop.</p>



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