

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to agriculture; clarifying plant and soil amendment labeling requirements;
1.3 modifying the guaranteed analysis of soil and plant amendments; requiring
1.4 applicants submitting plant and soil amendment registration to submit a certificate
1.5 of composition; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 18C.005, by adding
1.6 subdivisions; 18C.211, subdivision 4; 18C.411, subdivision 2; proposing coding
1.7 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 18C.

1.8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.10 to read:

1.11 Subd. 1d. Active ingredient. "Active ingredient" means an ingredient present in a
1.12 fertilizer, soil amendment, plant amendment, or beneficial substance that is a plant nutrient
1.13 or a soil or plant amending ingredient.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.15 read:

1.16 Subd. 15b. Inert ingredient. "Inert ingredient" means an ingredient that is not an active
1.17 ingredient in a specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, plant amendment, or beneficial substance.

1.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.211, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.19 Subd. 4. Guaranteed analysis of soil or plant amendment or beneficial substance. The
1.20 guaranteed analysis of a soil amendment or, plant amendment, or beneficial substance must
1.21 be an accurate statement of composition including the percentages of each active ingredient.
1.22 If the product is a microbiological product, the number of viable microorganisms per milliliter

- 2.1 for a liquid or, the number of viable microorganisms per gram, or any other acceptable units
- 2.2 for a dry product must also be listed.

2.3 Sec. 4. [18C.217] SOIL AMENDMENT, PLANT AMENDMENT, AND BENEFICIAL

2.4 SUBSTANCE LABELING.

- 2.5 (a) A person may not sell or distribute a soil amendment, plant amendment, or beneficial
- 2.6 substance in bags or other containers in this state unless a label is placed on or affixed to
- 2.7 the bag or container stating in a clear, legible, and conspicuous form the following
- 2.8 information:
- 2.9 (1) the product name;
- 2.10 (2) the net weight or net volume expressed in imperial and metric measurements;
- 2.11 (3) the name and address of the guarantor and registrant;
- 2.12 (4) a statement identifying the purpose of the product;
- 2.13 (5) directions for use; and
- 2.14 (6) the guaranteed analysis of each active ingredient.
- 2.15 (b) If the soil amendment, plant amendment, or beneficial substance contains
- 2.16 microorganisms, the label must include an expiration date and recommended storage
- 2.17 conditions.
- 2.18 (c) The label is not required to list inert ingredients.
- 2.19 (d) A person selling or distributing a bulk shipment of soil amendments, plant
- 2.20 amendments, or beneficial substances to a singular, end consumer may provide the purchaser
- 2.21 with a single printed form with the information required in paragraphs (a) and (b) instead
- 2.22 of placing or affixing a label on the bulk bag or container.
- 2.23 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.411, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 2.24 Subd. 2. Application. The application for registration must include:
- 2.25 (1) for specialty fertilizers:
- 2.26 (i) the name and address of the guarantor and registrant;
- 2.27 (ii) the brand and grade;
- 2.28 (iii) the guaranteed analysis as required by section 18C.211;

- 3.1 (iv) the sources from which nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, or other elements or
- 3.2 materials are derived; and
- 3.3 (v) the amount and formulas of inert ingredients; and
- 3.4 (2) for soil amendments and plant amendments:
- 3.5 (i) the name and address of the guarantor and registrant;
- 3.6 (ii) the brand name;
- 3.7 (iii) the sources from which the ingredients used in the product are derived; ~~and~~
- 3.8 (iv) the guaranteed analysis as required by section 18C.211.; and
- 3.9 (v) a certificate of composition that describes the amount and formulas of each inert
- 3.10 ingredient and beneficial substance included in the formula.
- 3.11 Sec. 6. REVISOR INSTRUCTION.
- 3.12 The revisor of statutes must renumber the subdivisions in Minnesota Statutes, section
- 3.13 18C.005, in alphabetical order and correct all cross-references.