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Bill Summary

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Overview

Minnesota law (MN Statutes section 18B.26, subdivision 1) prohibits the use or distribution in Minnesota of restricted use pesticides that are not registered with the Commissioner of Agriculture. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has recently authorized the use of a new pesticide, "Balance," in several states bordering Minnesota, but not in Minnesota. Agricultural chemical suppliers located in Minnesota but serving customers in the bordering states are not currently allowed to provide Balance to their customers outside the state. HF 370 relaxes the restriction to make it possible for a Minnesota supplier to provide non registered pesticides to non-Minnesota customers.

1 **Registration required.** Amends existing law by allowing a Minnesota farm chemical supplier to distribute a pesticide to customers outside Minnesota even though the chemical is not registered for use within the state.