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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, as amended by the Harder Delete everything amendment, clarifies the restriction by allowing the commissioner to allow specific pesticide products to be distributed in Minnesota for use in another state.

- 1 Registration required.** Amends existing law by allowing the Commissioner of Agriculture to allow Minnesota farm chemical supplier to distribute specific pesticide products to customers outside Minnesota even though the chemical is not registered for use within the state.
- 2 Effective date.** The provisions of section 1 are effective retroactive to January 1, 1999.