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### Section

- 1 **Preemption of local law.** Amends current law by waiving an existing provision that preempts the control of pesticides by local governments. Cities of the first and second class will no longer be preempted from imposing ordinances that restrict nonagricultural pesticides.
- 2 **Establishment of pesticide regulatory account.** From the existing pesticide regulatory account, \$200,000 is appropriated each year to the commissioner of health for monitoring pesticide pollutants.
- 3 **Application fee.** The minimum annual fee for registering a pesticide in Minnesota is increased from \$250 to \$350.
- 4 **Commercial and noncommercial applicators.** A new provision would require that commercial and noncommercial applicators file with the agriculture department copies of the records they are currently required to retain on the use of pesticides. The information would be public and available through the commissioner.
- 5 **Inspection of records.** Sets forth the public nature of pesticide records filed with the department of agriculture.
- 6 **Definition; Pollutant.** Establishes a new definition for "pollutant" that is broader than the current, limited definition that relies on the adoption of a specific health risk level.
- 7 **Evaluation of detection of pollutants; methods.** Shifts responsibility for evaluation of pollution monitoring techniques for agricultural chemicals and practices to the commissioner of health. Duties for developing best management practices and monitoring pollutants and breakdown products are assigned to specific agencies.