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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

The Minnesota legislature normally passes a bill every two or three years to bring Minnesota rules concerning pesticides and food law into conformity with federal regulations. Most recently, a 2002 law updated a variety of Minnesota rules to federal regulations adopted as of April 1, 2001. House File 935 makes a further change that will remove the need for periodic updates by simply establishing an ongoing statement of conformity. Further, House File 935 adopts milk quality standards and the official definition of "milk" from federal regulation.

#### Section

- 1 Pesticide chemical rules; conformity with federal regulation.** Updates Minnesota Rules on pesticide chemicals to conform with federal regulations.
- 2 Food additive rules; conformity with federal regulation.** Updates Minnesota food additive rules to conform with federal regulations.
- 3 Color additive rules; conformity with federal regulation.** Updates Minnesota color additive rules to conform with federal regulations.
- 4 Special dietary use rules; conformity with federal regulation.** Updates Minnesota special dietary use rules to conform with federal regulations.
- 5 Fair packaging and labeling rules; conformity with federal regulation.** Updates Minnesota rules on fair packaging and labeling to conform with federal regulations.
- 6 Food and drug rules; conformity with federal regulation.** Provides that applicable federal regulations on food and drug are adopted as Minnesota rules.
- 7 Fishery products rules; conformity with federal regulation.** Updates Minnesota rules on fishery products to conform with federal regulations.

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- 8 Meat and poultry rules; conformity with federal regulation.** Updates Minnesota meat and poultry rules to conform with federal meat and poultry regulations.
- 9 Standards for fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products; conformity with federal regulation.** Incorporates federal regulations on standards for fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products as Minnesota rule.
- 10 Dairy grade rules; manufacturing plant standards; conformity with federal regulation.** Adopts as Minnesota rule the federal regulations on grading and inspection standards for manufacturing dairy plants and products.
- 11 Identity, quantity, and fill of container rules; conformity with federal definitions and standards.** Adopts as Minnesota definitions and standards the federal definitions and standards for identity, quality, and fill of container.
- 12 Consumer commodities labeling rules; conformity with federal regulation.** Requires that all labels of consumer commodities must conform with federal regulations adopted under the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act.
- 13 Definition; Dairy Product; conformity with federal regulation.** Adopts as the Minnesota definition the federal definition for dairy products.
- 14 Milk quality standards; penalties.** For purposes of enforcement of milk quality standards, changes the term "dairy plant field service representative" to "qualified dairy sanitarian".
- 15 Rules; Grade A milk.** Updates a reference to US Department of Health ordinances that set standards and requirements for Grade A milk, milk products, and goat milk.
- 16 Raw milk storage.** Reduces from 76 hours to 72 hours the maximum time milk can be held on the farm before being picked up for processing.
- 17 Milk for manufacturing; quality standards.** Updates a reference to USDA requirements for manufacturing milk production and processing standards.
- 18 Repealer; definition of milk.** Section 13 adopts the federal definitions for dairy products (including milk). This section repeals the obsolete Minnesota statutory definition for milk, skim milk, and lowfat milk.