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Overview

This bill prohibits labeling or advertising a plant, plant material, or nursery stock as beneficial to pollinators if the plant was treated with an insecticide that was absorbed by the plant and, as a result, the plant is lethal to pollinators.

Section

- 1 Pollinator lethal insecticide.** Defines the term as an insecticide absorbed by a plant that makes the plant lethal to pollinators. The term “pollinator” is not defined. Merriam-Webster defines pollinator as “an agent (as an insect) that pollinates flowers” (Collegiate Dictionary, 11th Edition).
- 2 Labeling and advertising of nursery stock.** Prohibits labeling or advertising a product as beneficial to pollinators if the product was treated with a pollinator lethal insecticide. Under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 18H, key terms are defined in current law as follows:
 - “Plant” means a plant, plant product, plant part, or reproductive or propagative part of a plant, plant product, or plant part, including all growing media, packing material, or containers associated with the plants, plant parts, or plant products.
 - “Nursery stock” means a plant intended for planting or propagation, including, but not limited to, trees, shrubs, vines, perennials, biennials, grafts, cuttings, and buds that may be sold for propagation, whether cultivated or wild, and all viable parts of these plants. Nursery stock does not include: (1) field and forage crops; (2) the seeds of grasses, cereal grains, vegetable crops, and flowers; (3) vegetable plants, bulbs, or tubers; (4) cut flowers, unless stems or other portions are intended for propagation; (5) annuals; or (6) Christmas trees.