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This bill prohibits selling a restricted use pesticide (RUP) to a Minnesota resident via the internet unless the resident is a licensed or certified pesticide applicator. Internet sellers would be required to verify that the Minnesota purchaser is licensed or certified.

RUPs are pesticides that the Environmental Protection Agency has identified as particularly dangerous to human health and/or the environment if used improperly. Under federal and state law, a person may not use a RUP without a valid license or certification. In Minnesota, pesticide licenses and certifications are issued by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). In general, MDA issues licenses to commercial applicators, and certifications to farmers who apply RUPs on their own property.