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Overview

This bill would require the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) to support a voluntary certification program for commercial salt applicators and provide liability protection for applicators participating in the program.

Section

1 Salt applicators; voluntary certification program. Adds § 116.2025.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines “commercial applicator” and “deicer” for purposes of the program.

Subd. 2. Voluntary certification program; best management practices. Requires the PCA to support a training program for salt applicators that promotes best management practices for applying deicers and allows applicators to become certified as water-friendly applicators. Requires the PCA to provide certification training statewide and online and to post the best management practices on the agency’s Web site.

Subd. 3. Liability. Provides liability protection for a salt applicator, or the owner/lessee of land maintained by a salt applicator that has been certified under the program. Requires applicators, owners, and lessees or their employees to have current certification, pass an exam, complete winter maintenance assessment tool requirements and keep written records for at least two years in order to receive the liability protection.

Subd. 4. Penalty. Allows the commissioner to revoke or decline a certification under this section if a commercial applicator violates this section or rules adopted under this section.