

Subject Genetically Engineered Organisms

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Summary

This bill would eliminate the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) duty to review and approve or deny a person or company's proposed release of a genetically engineered crop or other genetically engineered agricultural organism in Minnesota. Instead, MDA would accept, or review and add additional requirements to, a permit issued by a federal agency that is part of the federal government's Coordinated Framework for the Regulation of Biotechnology (i.e., the United States Department of Agriculture, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the United States Food and Drug Administration).

MDA could request that a federal agency not issue a permit if MDA believes the proposed release would create a hazard to the state's general environmental quality or its agricultural, forest, or horticultural interests.