

Subject Fertilizer

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Overview

This bill would modify certain definitions, standards, and label requirements contained in the state's Fertilizer, Soil Amendment, and Plant Amendment Law (Minnesota Statutes, chapter 18C).

Summary

Section	Description
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| 1 | Beneficial substance.
Defines this term for purposes of chapter 18C as certain substances or compounds capable of being demonstrated by scientific research as beneficial to plants, soil, or media. |
| 2 | Soil amendment.
Modifies the definition of "soil amendment" for purposes of chapter 18C to include substances intended to improve the chemical or biochemical characteristics of soil. |
| 3 | Adoption of national standards.
Authorizes MDA to adopt applicable national standards contained in the latest published version of the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials. Under current law, these state standards are pegged to the 1996 version of the Association's official publication. |
| 4 | Packaged fertilizers.
Modifies labeling requirements for packaged fertilizers to require, where applicable, the product's volume. |
| 5 | Fertilizer plant food content.
Specifies that when determining the commercial index value for a fertilizer that is deficient in plant food content, MDA must determine the amount of available phosphate, not the amount of available phosphoric acid. |



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