

Subject Pesticide
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Overview

This bill would modify pesticide applicator licensing programs administered by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA).

H.F. 4699 would impact the following license types: structural pest control (i.e., applicators who apply pesticides in, on, or around structures); commercial (i.e., anyone who applies pesticides for hire); and noncommercial (i.e., employees who apply Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs) on property controlled by their employer).

It would also impact the certified private applicator program. In general, certified private applicators are farmers who purchase RUPs for use on farmland owned or rented by the farmer.

Summary

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| 1 | Application or use of a pesticide.
Specifies that for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 18B (Pesticide Control), application or use of a pesticide includes the dispersal of a pesticide, preapplication activities that involve the mixing or loading of a RUP, and other RUP-related activities including but not limited to transporting and storing opened containers, cleaning equipment, and disposing of excess pesticide and materials that contain pesticide. |
| 2 | Training manual and examination development.
Requires MDA to revise and update applicator training materials and examinations to meet or exceed the competency standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in federal regulations. Requires MDA to publish these competency standards on the agency's website. |

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3	Requirement. Prohibits engaging in structural pest control applications unless the person is at least 18 years old.
4	Application. Removes MDA's ability to require a practical demonstration for structural pest control applicator license applicants.
5	Renewal. Requires MDA's recertification workshops for structural pest control applicators to meet or exceed the competency standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in federal regulations. Requires MDA to publish these competency standards on the agency's website.
6	Requirement. Prohibits MDA from issuing a commercial applicator license to someone younger than 18 years of age.
7	Renewal application. Requires MDA's recertification workshops for commercial applicators to meet or exceed the competency standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in federal regulations. Requires MDA to publish these competency standards on the agency's website.
8	Requirement. Prohibits MDA from issuing a noncommercial applicator license to someone younger than 18 years of age.
9	Renewal. Requires MDA's recertification workshops for noncommercial applicators to meet or exceed the competency standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in federal regulations. Requires MDA to publish these competency standards on the agency's website.
10	Establishment. Requires MDA's applicator license and certification categories to be consistent with and to meet or exceed the competency standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in federal regulations. Requires MDA to publish these competency standards on the agency's website.

Section	Description
11	Requirement. Prohibits MDA from issuing a private applicator certification to someone younger than 18 years of age.
12	Certification. Requires MDA's private applicator certification requirements and training to meet or exceed the competency standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in federal regulations. Requires MDA to publish these competency standards on the agency's website.
13	Commercial and noncommercial applicators. Requires licensed commercial and noncommercial applicators to create and maintain application records that meet or exceed requirements established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in federal regulations.
14	Structural pest control applicators. Requires licensed structural pest control applicators to create and maintain application records that meet or exceed requirements established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in federal regulations.



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