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Summary

Importing states, foreign customers, and foreign governments often request certificate(s) from Minnesota companies exporting products regulated by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). MDA prepares certificates of health, sanitation, purity, free sale, origin, etc. for exporting companies that request them in exchange for a fee of \$125.

Current law requires MDA to bill the exporting company within seven days after issuing the certificate. This bill would give MDA the option to accept payment with the initial request for a certificate before having to bill the exporting company.