

Subject Paraquat dichloride
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Overview

This bill prohibits the sale and use of pesticides containing paraquat dichloride, commonly referred to as “paraquat.” Paraquat is a toxic, widely used herbicide. Paraquat products are categorized as Restricted Use Pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), so they are restricted to commercial use and may only be used by trained certified applicators.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Sale or use of paraquat dichloride.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Prohibited sale. Prohibits the sale of pesticides containing paraquat dichloride beginning January 1, 2027.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Prohibited use. Prohibits the use of pesticides containing paraquat dichloride beginning January 1, 2028.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Collection and disposal. Requires Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to collect and dispose of paraquat pesticides in the department’s waste pesticide collection program that properly collects and disposes of hazardous waste.</p>
2	<p>Report; paraquat dichloride.</p> <p>Requires MDA to submit a report on the use of paraquat in the state over time and the status of paraquat in the supply chain.</p>