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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2667

03/24/2025 Authored by Nelson; Anderson, P. H., and Burkel
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; adding definition for restricted pesticide handler; modifying
1.3 restricted pesticide license requirements for handlers; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2024, sections 18B.01, subdivision 1d, by adding a subdivision; 18B.30.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18B.01, subdivision 1d, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 1d. **Application or use of a pesticide.** "Application or use of a pesticide" includes:

1.8 (1) the dispersal of a pesticide on, in, at, or directed toward a target site; and

1.9 ~~(2) preapplication activities that involve the mixing and loading of a restricted use~~
1.10 ~~pesticide; and~~

1.11 ~~(3)~~ (2) other restricted use pesticide-related activities, including but not limited to
1.12 transporting or storing pesticide containers that have been opened; mixing; loading; cleaning
1.13 equipment; and disposing of excess pesticides, spray mix, equipment wash waters, pesticide
1.14 containers, and other materials that contain pesticide.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18B.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.16 read:

1.17 Subd. 10c. **Handler.** "Handler" means an individual who meets all the requirements
1.18 specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, section 171.201, and engages in
1.19 preapplication activities that involve the mixing and loading of a restricted use pesticide
1.20 under the supervision of a licensed pesticide applicator.

2.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18B.30, is amended to read:

2.2 **18B.30 PESTICIDE USE LICENSE REQUIREMENT; INTERNET SALES**
2.3 **PROHIBITED; RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDES.**

2.4 (a) A person may not use a restricted use pesticide without a license or certification
2.5 required under sections 18B.29 to 18B.35 and the use may only be done under conditions
2.6 prescribed by the commissioner, except that a handler may engage in preapplication activities
2.7 that involve the mixing and loading of a restricted use pesticide under the supervision of a
2.8 licensed pesticide applicator.

2.9 (b) A person shall not sell any pesticide labeled for restricted use over an Internet website
2.10 to a Minnesota resident who is not a licensed or certified pesticide applicator. A person
2.11 selling a pesticide labeled for restricted use over an Internet website to a Minnesota resident
2.12 must verify that the purchaser is a licensed or certified pesticide applicator under sections
2.13 18B.29 to 18B.35.