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03/20/2025	926	Introduction and first reading Referred to Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to agriculture; adding definition for restricted pesticide handler; modifying

1.3restricted pesticide license requirements for handlers; amending Minnesota Statutes

1.42024, sections 18B.01, subdivision 1d, by adding a subdivision; 18B.30.

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

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

1.7Subd. 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

1.12transporting or storing pesticide containers that have been opened; mixing; loading; cleaning

1.13equipment; and disposing of excess pesticides, spray mix, equipment wash waters, pesticide

1.14containers, and other materials that contain pesticide.

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

1.16read:

1.17Subd. 10c. **Handler.** "Handler" means an individual who meets all the requirements

1.18specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, section 171.201, and engages in

1.19preapplication activities that involve the mixing and loading of a restricted use pesticide

1.20under the supervision of a licensed pesticide applicator.

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

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

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

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