

S.F. No. 3083 – Pesticide-treated seeds

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Section 1 (18B.045) amends the requirement for the commissioner to develop the pesticide management plan by adding consideration of pesticide-treated seeds and requiring the commissioner to coordinate with local government and public health agencies in developing the plan.

Section 2 (18B.10) modifies the section relating to prevention of groundwater contamination to allow the commissioner to sample private wells to monitor pesticides, pesticide-treated seeds, and pesticide breakdown products.

Section 3 [18B.102] adds a new section allowing the commissioner to take action to prevent contamination of surface water due to pesticides, pesticide-treated seed, and pesticide breakdown products.

Section 4 [18B.105] adds a new section allowing the commissioner to take action to prevent contamination of air due to pesticides, pesticide-treated seed, and pesticide breakdown products.

Section 5 (18D.40) adds plants grown from pesticide-treated seeds to the section relating to enhanced penalties for damage to outdoor recreation lands.

Section 6 (21.81) adds a definition of systemic pesticide to the Seeds Chapter.

Section 7 (21.82, subdivision 3) requires that corn and soybean seeds treated with a neonicotinoid pesticide are labeled with a bee icon and a warning that improper use could negatively impact pollinator health.

Section 8 [21.917] adds a section relating to the systemic pesticide-treated seed program to the Seed Chapter requiring that the commissioner develop a program for the regulation of pesticide-treated seeds.

Section 9 [21.93] establishes a systemic pesticide-treated seed alternatives account and appropriates the money to the University of Minnesota for research and outreach purposes.

Section 10 is a blank appropriation from the pesticide regulatory account to the commissioner to implement the systemic pesticide-treated seed program.

Section 11 is a blank appropriation from the pesticide regulatory account to the systemic pesticide-treated seed alternatives account.