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S.F. No. 5073 A-1 delete everything amendment – Agriculture finance omnibus

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The A-1 delete everything amendment to SF 5073 is the agriculture finance omnibus bill. Article 1 contains changes to appropriations. More detail about these changes can be found in the Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development 2026 Chair's Recommendations spreadsheet. Article 2 contains the agriculture policy and statute provisions and are discussed in more detail below.

Farm Down Payment Assistance modifications

Section 2 (17.133, subdivision 1) modifies definitions for the Farm Down Payment Assistance Grants by adding eligibility requirements.

Section 3 (17.33, subdivision 2) modifies grant awards to be no more than 30% of the purchase price, and requires recipients to verify income or investment of at least $1000 each year for the first five years.

Paraquat prohibition

Section 5 [18B.117] prohibits the sale of paraquat starting in 2028 and prohibits the use of paraquat beginning in 2029. It allows the commissioner to allow paraquat use in emergency circumstances, and requires the commissioner collect and dispose of prohibited paraquat.

Section 48 requires the commissioner to report on the use of paraquat and the status of paraquat in the pesticide supply chain by February 1, 2029.

Seed potatoes

The following sections contain conforming changes updating statute references to reflect changes to the seed potato provisions:

Section 7 (18J.02)

Section 8 (18J.03)

Section 9 (18J.04, subdivision 1)

Section 10 (18J.04, subdivision 2)

Section 11 (18J.04, subdivision 3)

Section 12 (18J.04, subdivision 4)

Section 13 (18J.05, subdivision 1)

Section 14 (18J.05, subdivision 2)

Section 15 (18J.05, subdivision 6)

Section 16 (18J.06)

Section 17 (18J.07, subdivision 3)

Section 18 (18J.07, subdivision 4)

Section 19 (18J.07, subdivision 5)

Section 27 (21.115)

Section 29 (21.119)

Section 24 (21.111) modifies definitions for seed potatoes, eliminating definitions for inspected and interstate cooperation; modifying definitions of certified, seed potatoes, and person; and adding definitions for certified seed potatoes, class, clone, commissioner, crop, department, explant, farm, field, inspected, lot, material in maintenance, roguing, stand, physically separated, rejected, tuber units, and winter testing.

Section 25 (21.112) inserts a subdivision relating to interstate cooperation in the commissioner duties section. The language of the new subdivision matches that in the definition of interstate cooperation proposed to be deleted from section 21.111 and moves it to a more appropriate section of the statutes.

Section 26 (21.113) modifies certificate provisions for seed potatoes.

Section 28 (21.117) modifies inspection application withdrawals and adds an inspection application amendment provision relating to seed potatoes.

Section 30 (21.1195) modifies the minimum standards for potato planting and states that failure to keep records is a violation subject to enforcement under chapter 18J.

Section 31 [21.123] inserts a new section relating to seed potato certification.

Section 32 [21.124] inserts a new section relating to requirements for the production of different classes of certified seed potatoes.

Section 33 [21.125] inserts a new section relating to certified seed potato grades and tolerances.

Section 34 (21.891) modifies the reporting periods for seed fee permit holders.

Industrial hemp

Section 21 (18K.02, subdivision 5) modifies the definition of processing in the industrial hemp chapter to exclude extracting cannabinoids.

Section 22 (18K.02, subdivision 6) modifies the definition of processing location to clarify that it only applies to industrial hemp.

Section 23 (18K.04, subdivision 1) consolidates licensing language for growing and processing industrial hemp.

Food handler licensing

Section 35 (28A.04, subdivision 1) makes technical changes and clarifies that the fee for a special event food license is the entire fee in the fee schedule regardless of when an application is filed.

Section 36 (28A.0752) modifies delegation of licensing, inspection, reporting and enforcement to community health boards for food handlers who sell directly to the ultimate consumer, specifies when duties may not be delegated, allows existing agreements to continue, and allows designated agents to collect fees to cover the costs of the delegated duties.

Section 37 (28A.08, subdivision 3) modifies the fee schedule to remove the late renewal fee from special event food licenses that doesn't apply.

Egg donation

Section 38 (29.21) adds a definition of quality assurance date to the Poultry and Eggs chapter.

Section 39 (29.26) allows eggs past the quality assurance date to be donated to food assistance programs provided specified food safety conditions are met.

Report consolidation:

Section 1 (17.1017) modifies the reporting requirements for the Food Retail Improvement and Development Program to align with the due date for the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation Program.

Section 40 (32D.30, subdivision 5) modifies the reporting requirements for the Dairy Development and Profitability Enhancement Program to align with the due date for the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation Program.

Section 41 (41A.19) modifies the reporting requirements for the Bioincentive Programs to align with the due date for the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation Program.

Agroforestry

Section 4 (17.458, subdivision 1) modifies the definition of agroforestry.

Section 42 (41B.048, subdivision 2) expands the agroforestry loan program to include agroforestry crops and agroforestry systems.

Section 43 (41B.048, subdivision 4) adds definitions for agroforestry and agroforestry system.

Section 44 (41B.048, subdivision 5) modifies the header to specify eligibility for growers of short rotation woody crops.

Section 45 (41B.048) inserts a new subdivision describing eligibility for agroforestry systems and practices.

Section 46 (41B.048) adds a new subdivision relating to loans for agroforestry systems and practices.

Miscellaneous

Section 6 (18J.01) modifies the definitions in the Inspection and Enforcement chapter to reference whole chapters and to reflect changes to the seed potato provisions.

Section 20 (18J.09) adds specific statutory references for the accounts referred to in the section.

Section 47 (583.215) extends the expiration of the Farmer-Lender Mediation Act to 2032.

Section 49 repeals the definition of processor in the Industrial Hemp Chapter, the subdivision relating to sales of industrial hemp to cannabis manufacturers, and the section relating to delegation of food handler licensing to local community health boards.

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