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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 4661

05/11/2020 Authored by Jordan The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to environment policy; authorizing cities to adopt certain pesticide control
1.3 ordinances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 18B.09, subdivision 2, by
1.4 adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 18B.09, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. Authority. Statutory and home rule charter cities may enact an ordinance,
1.8 including their own licensing, penalty, and enforcement provisions, containing one or both
1.9 of the following:

1.10 (1) the pesticide application warning information contained in subdivision 3, including
1.11 their own licensing, penalty, and enforcement provisions; and

1.12 (2) the pesticide prohibition contained in subdivision 4.

1.13 Statutory and home rule charter cities may not enact an ordinance that contains more
1.14 restrictive pesticide application warning information than is contained that which is provided
1.15 in subdivision subdivisions 3 and 4.

1.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 18B.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.17 read:

1.18 Subd. 4. Application of certain pesticides prohibited. (a) A person may not apply or
1.19 use a pollinator-lethal pesticide within the geographic boundaries of a city.

2.1 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "pollinator-lethal pesticide" means a pesticide that  
2.2 has a pollinator protection box on the label or labeling, or a pollinator, bee, or honey bee  
2.3 precautionary statement in the environmental hazards section of the label or labeling.

2.4 (c) This subdivision does not apply to:

2.5 (1) pet care products used to mitigate fleas, mites, ticks, heartworms, or other animals  
2.6 that are harmful to the health of a domesticated animal;

2.7 (2) personal care products used to mitigate lice and bedbugs; and

2.8 (3) indoor pest control products used to mitigate insects indoors, including ant bait.

2.9 (d) The commissioner must maintain a list of pollinator-lethal pesticides on the  
2.10 department's website.