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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1293

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Agriculture and Food Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; requiring additional label statement on corn and soybean
1.3 seed coated or treated with a neonicotinoid pesticide; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2018, section 21.82, subdivisions 3, 6.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 21.82, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. Treated seed. For all named agricultural, vegetable, flower, or wildflower
1.8 seeds which are treated, for which a separate label may be used, the label must contain:

- 1.9 (1) a word or statement to indicate that the seed has been treated;
1.10 (2) the commonly accepted, coined, chemical, or abbreviated generic chemical name of
1.11 the applied substance;
1.12 (3) the caution statement "Do not use for food, feed, or oil purposes" if the substance in
1.13 the amount present with the seed is harmful to human or other vertebrate animals;
1.14 (4) in the case of mercurials or similarly toxic substances, a poison statement and symbol;
1.15 (5) a word or statement describing the process used when the treatment is not of pesticide
1.16 origin; and
1.17 (6) the date beyond which the inoculant is considered ineffective if the seed is treated
1.18 with an inoculant. It must be listed on the label as "inoculant: expires (month and year)" or
1.19 wording that conveys the same meaning; and
1.20 (7) the caution statement, framed in a box and including a bee icon developed by the
1.21 commissioner, "Planting seed treated with a neonicotinoid pesticide may negatively impact

2.1 pollinator health. Please use care when handling and planting this seed" for any corn or
2.2 soybean seed treated with a neonicotinoid pesticide.

2.3 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 21.82, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

2.4 Subd. 6. **Coated agricultural seeds.** For coated agricultural seeds the label must contain:

2.5 (1) percentage by weight of pure seeds with coating material removed;

2.6 (2) percentage by weight of coating material shown as a separate item in close association
2.7 with the percentage of inert matter; ~~and~~

2.8 (3) percentage of germination determined on 400 pellets with or without seeds; and

2.9 (4) for corn or soybean seed coated with a neonicotinoid pesticide, the information
2.10 required under subdivision 3, clause (7).