

A bill for an act

relating to agriculture; requiring certain retailers to provide retail signage on the legal limitations on the use of lawn fertilizers containing phosphorus; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 18C.60, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 18C.60, subdivision 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 18C.60, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5. **Retail signage.** (a) In the seven-county metropolitan area, a retailer of lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus must post a conspicuous sign stating the legal limitations on the fertilizer's use. "Conspicuous" means lettering in black Arial typeface at least three-eighths of an inch in height against a bright contrasting background. The sign must state:

"For the protection of water quality, Minnesota law prohibits application of lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus except when:

(1) establishing a new lawn with seed or sod;

(2) a soil test or plant tissue test shows a need for phosphorus;

(3) applied on a golf course by a trained person; or

(4) applied on farms growing sod for sale."

(b) A retailer offering lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus must post a sign with the fertilizer display.

(c) A retailer may substitute the sign in paragraph (a) with an alternative sign that meets requirements of paragraph (a).

Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

2.1           Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 18C.60, subdivision 4, is repealed.