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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2938

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Policy
03/01/2018 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy
03/08/2018 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; extending by ten years the agricultural fertilizer research
1.3 and education fee, the Minnesota Agricultural Fertilizer Research and Education
1.4 Council, the Minnesota agricultural fertilizer research and education program, and
1.5 the agricultural fertilizer research and education account; amending Minnesota
1.6 Statutes 2016, sections 18C.425, subdivision 6; 18C.80, subdivision 2; Minnesota
1.7 Statutes 2017 Supplement, sections 18C.70, subdivision 5; 18C.71, subdivision
1.8 4.

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

1.10 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 18C.425, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.11 Subd. 6. **Payment of inspection fee.** (a) The person who registers and distributes in the
1.12 state a specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant amendment under section 18C.411 shall
1.13 pay the inspection fee to the commissioner.

1.14 (b) The person licensed under section 18C.415 who distributes a fertilizer to a person
1.15 not required to be so licensed shall pay the inspection fee to the commissioner, except as
1.16 exempted under section 18C.421, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

1.17 (c) The person responsible for payment of the inspection fees for fertilizers, soil
1.18 amendments, or plant amendments sold and used in this state must pay an inspection fee of
1.19 39 cents per ton, and until June 30, ~~2019~~ 2029, an additional 40 cents per ton, of fertilizer,
1.20 soil amendment, and plant amendment sold or distributed in this state, with a minimum of
1.21 \$10 on all tonnage reports. Notwithstanding section 18C.131, the commissioner must deposit
1.22 all revenue from the additional 40 cents per ton fee in the agricultural fertilizer research and
1.23 education account in section 18C.80. Products sold or distributed to manufacturers or
1.24 exchanged between them are exempt from the inspection fee imposed by this subdivision
1.25 if the products are used exclusively for manufacturing purposes.

2.1 (d) A registrant or licensee must retain invoices showing proof of fertilizer, plant
2.2 amendment, or soil amendment distribution amounts and inspection fees paid for a period
2.3 of three years.

2.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 18C.70, subdivision 5, is amended
2.5 to read:

2.6 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, ~~2020~~ 2030.

2.7 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 18C.71, subdivision 4, is amended
2.8 to read:

2.9 Subd. 4. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, ~~2020~~ 2030.

2.10 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 18C.80, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.11 Subd. 2. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, ~~2020~~ 2030.