

**18G.01 PLANT PROTECTION; POWERS OF COMMISSIONER.**

(a) This chapter authorizes the commissioner to abate, suppress, eradicate, prevent, or otherwise regulate the introduction or establishment of plant pests that threaten Minnesota's agricultural, forest, or horticultural interests or the general ecological quality of the state.

(b) The commissioner may employ entomologists, plant pathologists, and other qualified employees necessary to administer and enforce this chapter.

**History:** *2003 c 128 art 4 s 1*