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Dear Pesticide License Manager,

During the 2024 legislative session, several amendments to MN Pesticide Control Law (18B) were passed. These amendments were proposed as part of a revised federal certification plan that allows Minnesota Department of Agriculture to issue pesticide licenses to the applicants. The following legislative amendments to 18B.32 (Structural Pest Control License), 18B.33 (Commercial Applicator License), and 18B.34 (Noncommercial Applicator License) will be effective on August 1, 2024:

1. Definition of application or use:

In addition to the dispersal of a pesticide on, in or at a target site, the new regulations require that any individual involved in the preapplication activities (mixer/loader/handler) of a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) must hold a pesticide license. These pre and post application activities include but are not limited to: transporting or storing pesticide containers that have been opened, cleaning equipment, disposing of excess pesticides, spray mix, equipment wash waters, pesticide containers, and other materials that contain pesticide. Since the licensing requirements for a mixer/loader/handler is the same as the applicator, they are required to have a Commercial, Noncommercial, or Structural license, with the categories that coincide with their line of work. There will be no separate license for a mixer/loader/handler.

2. Minimum age:

The applicator, mixer, loader, or handler must be 18 years or older to apply for a pesticide applicator license. Applicators younger than 18, may not renew their license until they have turned 18. There will be no grandfathering applicators under 18.

Any questions should be directed to Pesticide Licensing at pesticide.licensing@state.mn.us or 651-201-6615.

Respectfully,

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