## PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE

## DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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EXPLANATION - Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 555.355 and 555.400.

A REGULATION relating to applicators of pesticides; adopting provisions concerning the use of an unauthorized aid during an examination for the issuance or renewal of certain certificates to apply restricted-use pesticides; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Section 1.** NAC 555.670 is hereby amended to read as follows:

555.670 1. The examination for the issuance or renewal of a certificate pursuant to NAC 555.655 will consist of a general examination which will be required of each applicant and a specific examination for each category in which the applicant has requested to be examined.

- 2. The Director may require the applicant to meet special qualifications of competency which relate to the special needs of a given locality regarding the use or application of a specific restricted-use pesticide. The special qualifications of competency may include written examinations as required by the Director.
- 3. In addition to the written examination, the applicant for a certificate for private applicator may be given an oral examination. The examining officer may add to or subtract from the score on the written test a maximum of 5 grade points based on the oral examination.
- 4. A private applicator may request an oral examination in lieu of a written examination. If the examining officer determines that the request is justified, he may give the applicant an oral

examination. No grade points may be added to or subtracted from an applicant's score on the oral examination.

- 5. Any applicant may be required to perform a practical demonstration, at a time and in a manner specified by the examining officer, to show his ability to apply or supervise the application of restricted-use pesticides.
  - 6. The passing score for each examination is 60 percent.
- 7. Any applicant who fails to pass the general examination or any specific examination may be retested upon expiration of a waiting period of 5 working days, unless the examining officer waives the waiting period.
  - 8. Any applicant who uses an unauthorized aid during an examination:
  - (a) Must be excluded from the remainder of the examination; and
  - (b) Must not be allowed to take another examination for at least 6 months.