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BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 273 (as discharged)
Sponsor: Senator Kevin Daley
Committee: Natural Resources and Agriculture (discharged)

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 87 (Groundwater and Freshwater Protection) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to extend, from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2030, the sunset on Section 8715, which prescribes fees that pesticide distributors and fertilizer manufacturers and distributors must pay annually to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD).

Specifically, Section 8715 of Part 87 prescribes the following fees that must be paid annually:

- For a distributor of pesticides, a water quality protection fee of \$270 per product.
- For a distributor of pesticides that fails to pay a registration fee in a timely manner, a late fee of \$100.
- For a person required to pay a specialty fertilizer or soil conditioner registration fee, a water quality protection fee of \$100 for each brand and product name of each grade registered.
- For all fertilizer manufacturers or distributors licensed under NREPA, except specialty fertilizer and soil conditioner registrants, a fee of \$0.0005 per pound of fertilizer sold.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Water quality protection fee revenue supports the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assistance Program and conservation programs within MDARD. The annual revenue collected from these fees has averaged \$6.5 million in recent years and this amount is included in the Governor's budget recommendation and House and Senate passed Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget bills in support of these programs.

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