

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 295 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY RABB, MADDEN AND PASHINSKI, MARCH 10, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
MARCH 10, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in soil and plant amendment, further providing for
3 registration, for inspection fees, for tonnage reports and
4 for disposition of funds.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 6904(c) of Title 3 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 6904. Registration.

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11 (c) Exemption.--

12 (1) A distributor shall not be required to register a
13 brand of soil amendment or plant amendment which is already
14 registered under this chapter by another person, providing
15 the label does not differ in any material respect.

16 (2) A person shall not be required to pay the
17 registration fee under this section if the product contains a
18 fertilizer and is actively registered under section 6803
19 (relating to registration of specialty fertilizers).

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2 Section 2. Section 6906(a)(2) and (3) of Title 3 are amended
3 and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

4 § 6906. Inspection fees.

5 (a) Amounts.--

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7 [(2) On packages of 15 pounds or less, there shall be
8 paid in lieu of the inspection fee of 15¢ per ton provided
9 for in paragraph (1), annually and not later than January 31
10 of each year, an inspection fee of \$25 for each brand and
11 grade of soil amendment or plant amendment distributed.]

12 (3) If the guarantor whose name appears on the label
13 distributes soil amendments or plant amendments in this
14 Commonwealth in both packages of less and more than 15
15 pounds, the \$25 inspection fee shall be paid for its brands
16 sold in packages of 15 pounds or less, and the 15¢ per ton
17 fee shall be paid for its packages of more than 15 pounds.]

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19 (c) Exemption.--The guarantor shall not be required to pay
20 an inspection fee under this section for a product that was
21 subject to an inspection fee under section 6806 (relating to
22 inspection fees).

23 Section 3. Section 6907 of Title 3 is amended by adding a
24 subsection to read:

25 § 6907. Tonnage reports.

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27 (f) Exemption.--The guarantor shall not be required to
28 report tonnage under this section for a product that was
29 reported under section 6807 (relating to tonnage reports).

30 Section 4. Section 6921 of Title 3, amended July 11, 2022

1 (P.L.1538, No.83), is amended to read:

2 § 6921. Disposition of funds.

3 Moneys received from license fees, registration fees,
4 inspection fees, fines and penalties shall be paid into the
5 Agronomic Regulatory Account established in section 6831
6 (relating to disposition of funds). All moneys in the Agronomic
7 Regulatory Account are hereby appropriated to the department for
8 the purposes of this chapter, Chapter 68 (relating to
9 fertilizer) [~~and~~], Chapter 71 (relating to seed) and the
10 promotion of soil health improvement practices generally.

11 Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.