

Legislative Analysis



EXTEND SUNSET FOR WATER QUALITY PROTECTION FEES

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Senate Bill 273 (H-2)

Sponsor: Sen. Kevin Daley

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Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Agriculture [Discharged]

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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 273 would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to extend the sunset (expiration) date of section 8715, which assesses water quality protection fees related to pesticides, fertilizers, and specialty fertilizers and soil conditioners that are required to be registered under Part 83 (Pesticide Control) of the act.

Presently, this section is scheduled to be repealed effective December 31, 2025. The bill would change this date to October 1, 2029.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The fees collected under Section 8715 of NREPA generate approximately \$6.7 million each year for credit to the Freshwater Protection Fund established in section 8716 of the act. Fund revenue is appropriated in the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) budget in support of the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) established in section 8710 of the act. If the current sunset is not extended, there would not be sufficient revenue in the Freshwater Protection Fund to support MAEAP program activities.

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