

HR 1029

Pesticide Registration Improvement Extension Act of 2018

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Reported By	Mar 20, 2017
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 29, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Discharged From	Mar 20, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Environmental Protection

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2018

This bill amends the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to revise requirements for pesticide registration applications and their corresponding maintenance fees and registration service fees.

(Sec. 2) The bill extends the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to collect annual fees to maintain the registration of pesticides (maintenance fees) through FY2023. Under current law, EPA's authority to collect those fees expires at the end of FY2018.

In addition, the bill increases the maximum: (1) amount that the EPA may collect in total maintenance fees from \$27.8 million per fiscal year to \$31 million for each of FY2017-FY2023; and (2) annual maintenance fees for pesticide registrants, including small business registrants.

The bill extends until the end of FY2025 a prohibition on levying pesticide registration fees not otherwise authorized as maintenance or registration service fees.

The bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to extend until the end of FY2023 a prohibition on levying fees for applications involving pesticide chemical residues (tolerance fees).

(Sec. 3) The bill expands the permissible uses of the fees collected and deposited in the Reregistration and Expedited Processing Fund, including by allowing the fees to be used for: (1) any review under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 required as part of the pesticide registration review; (2) the development and implementation of performance data requirements for products claiming efficacy against certain invertebrate pests of significant public importance, such as bed bugs and fire ants; and (3) monitoring good laboratory practices with respect to inspections and data audits conducted in support of pesticide product registrations.

The set aside of funds for review of inert ingredients is extended through FY2023.

(Sec. 4) Applications for an experimental use permit must conform to the requirements governing pesticide registration applications.

(Sec. 5) The bill extends through FY2025 the authority of the EPA to collect pesticide registration service fees, with a two-year phaseout period in FY2024 and FY2025. The EPA must increase by 5% the application fees for covered applications of pesticides that are received in FY2020 and FY2021. After that, the EPA must increase the application fee by an additional 5%.

No waiver or fee reduction may be provided for a letter of certification of registration, which is commonly referred to as a Gold Seal letter.

The set aside of funds for worker protection, partnership grants, and pesticide safety education is extended until FY2023. Funds for worker protection must emphasize field workers.

The EPA must also evaluate the application review process, including identifying opportunities for streamlining the review of a new active ingredient in a pesticide or a new use of a pesticide.

The bill revises reporting requirements, including by requiring the EPA to provide additional information about pesticide

cases it reviewed and the number of registration review decisions it completed.

(Sec. 6) The bill revises the fee requirements for pesticide registration applications and their registration service fees. This includes revision of existing fees, the addition of new fee categories, and the revision of time frames in which the EPA is required to complete review of a requested action.

(Sec. 8) The bill directs the EPA to implement specified final rules without revision by the end of FY2021. Specifically, the EPA must implement the final rules: (1) titled "Pesticides; Agricultural Worker Protection Standard Revisions" published on November 2, 2015, and (2) titled "Pesticides; Certification of Pesticide Applicators" published on January 4, 2017.

The Government Accountability Office must report on the effectiveness of workplace requirements for providing pesticide safety information to employees.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 29, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 28, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S4771-4807; text of amendment in the nature on a substitute: CR S4771-4807)
- **Jun 28, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 28, 2018:** Passed Senate with amendments by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 29, 2017:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Jun 29, 2017:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Reported by Senator Roberts with amendments. Without written report.
- **Jun 29, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 163.
- **Mar 21, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
- **Mar 20, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Agriculture. H. Rept. 115-49, Part I.
- **Mar 20, 2017:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Mar 20, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 29.
- **Mar 20, 2017:** Mr. Davis, Rodney moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 20, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2190-2208)
- **Mar 20, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1029.
- **Mar 20, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text of measure as passed: CR H2190-2207)
- **Mar 20, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text of measure as passed: CR H2190-2207)
- **Mar 20, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 16, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 16, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended).
- **Feb 14, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 14, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.