

**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 273**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending section 8715 (MCL 324.8715), as amended by 2021 PA 123.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 8715. (1) In addition to the fees provided for in part  
2   83, a registrant shall pay an annual water quality protection fee  
3   for each product to be registered. The water quality protection fee  
4   is \$270.00 per product. The water quality protection fee is due in  
5   the office of the director before July 1.

6       (2) A registrant shall pay an additional late fee of \$100.00  
7   for each pesticide if the pesticide registration is a renewal  
8   registration and the water quality protection fee is received by  
9   the department after June 30.

(3) A person required to pay a specialty fertilizer or soil conditioner registration fee under section 8505 shall pay an additional \$100.00 water quality protection fee for each brand and product name of each grade registered.

(4) All fertilizer manufacturers or distributors licensed under part 85, except specialty fertilizer and soil conditioner registrants, shall pay ~~the following:~~

~~(a) Until December 31, 2015, a water quality protection fee of 1-1/2 cents per percent of nitrogen in the fertilizer for each ton of fertilizer sold.~~

~~(b) Beginning January 1, 2016, \$.0005 per pound of fertilizer sold.~~

(5) The fees collected under this part, including any interest or dividends earned, must be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit the money received to the fund.

(6) ~~Upon~~ **On** the expenditure or appropriation of money raised in this section for any purpose other than those specifically listed in this part, authorization to collect fees in this section must be suspended until the money expended or appropriated for purposes other than those listed in this part are returned to the fund.

(7) The department may audit, or may contract for audits of records that are the basis for fees levied under this section.

(8) This section is repealed ~~December 31, 2025.~~ **October 1, 2029.**