

**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.

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

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

8 ~~(a) Until December 31, 2015, a water quality protection fee of~~
9 ~~1-1/2 cents per percent of nitrogen in the fertilizer for each ton~~
10 ~~of fertilizer sold.~~

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

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

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

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

24 (8) This section is repealed ~~December 31, 2025.~~ **October 1,**
25 **2029.**