

PESTICIDE FEE PROPOSAL

6 V.S.A. § 918

§ 918. Registration

(b) The registrant shall pay an annual fee of \$200.00 for each product registered, and\$185.00 of that amount shall be deposited in the special fund created in section 929 of this title. Of the registration fees collected under this subsection, \$15.00 of the amount collected shall be deposited in the Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund under section4803 of this title. Of the registration fees collected under this subsection, \$25.00 of the amount collected shall be used to offset the additional costs of inspection of economic poison products and to provide educational services, training, and technical assistance to pesticide applicators, beekeepers, and the general public regarding the effects of pesticides on pollinators and the methods or best management practices to reduce the impacts of pesticides on pollinators. The annual registration year shall be from December 1to November 30 of the following year.

(c) Registrants shall pay an additional fee of \$50.00 per registration which shall be deposited in the special fund created in section 929 of this title and used to meet the requirements of section 929 (a)(6) of this title, until such time as an Extended Producer Responsibility Program is implemented in the state that fully funds the collection of obsolete and unwanted pesticides.

PESTICIDE DISPOSAL FUNDING STUDY

The Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the Commissioner of Department of Environmental Conservation, shall study options for sustainable funding sources to cover all costs associated with the collection and disposal of unwanted or obsolete pesticides at municipal hazardous waste collection programs and events. Costs shall include the prorated costs related to facilities, equipment, labor, supplies, maintenance, and collection events. Prorated costs associated with collection events shall include collection event set-up fees, environmental service fees, insurance fees, and shipping containers and materials related to the collection and disposal of unwanted or obsolete pesticides.

The study shall include consideration of the viability of an extended producer responsibility program for pesticides among other options.

The Secretary shall consult with stakeholders.

On or before December 15, 2025, the Secretary shall submit a written report on its findings including a recommended funding mechanism that will cover all costs associated with collecting unwanted pesticides through municipal collection programs to the House Committees on Agriculture and on Environment, and the Senate Committees on Agriculture and on Natural Resources and Energy.