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PESTICIDE APPLICATION: EXEMPT EMPLOYEES OF DOCTORS, VETS

House Bill 5734 (Substitute H-1)
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Committee: Agriculture & Forestry

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5734 (SUBSTITUTE H-1)

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act currently requires certain persons who apply pesticides to the environment to be licensed and to meet minimum requirements, and exempts certain other persons from these provisions, including allopathic or osteopathic physicians and veterinarians when an application is done in the course of their normal work. The bill would add to the list of persons exempt from these requirements regular employees of these types of physicians or veterinarians while acting under their employer's direct or indirect supervision, depending on the type of pesticide being applied.

For applications involving "general use" pesticides, a qualified physician or veterinarian would have to supervise the activity, and it could only be done by a competent employee acting under the physician's or veterinarian's instruction and control even if he or she was not physically present. For "restricted-use" pesticide applications, the physician or veterinarian would have to directly supervise the activity by being physically present at the time and place the pesticide was being applied.

Under the bill, qualifying physicians or veterinarians would be subject to the act's requirements, prohibitions, and penalties, and to promulgated rules, relating to the application of pesticides either by them or employees under their direct or indirect supervision during the course of their normal work.

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