



Senate Fiscal Agency  
P. O. Box 30036  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

## BILL ANALYSIS



Telephone: (517) 373-5383  
Fax: (517) 373-1986

House Bill 5581 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Representative Phil Potvin  
House Committee: Appropriations  
Senate Committee: Appropriations

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act by delaying the September 30, 2012, sunset date to September 30, 2015, for the collection of certain pesticide applicator regulation fees. The bill also would exempt from payment of these fees any person who is an honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United States.

MCL 324.8317

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would allow for the continuance of fee collection by the State for three-year application fees of \$50 for private agricultural applicator certification and for private registered applicators. This would allow for the revenue from these funds—anticipated to total approximately \$100,000 annually—to continue to be used within the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's Pesticide and Plant Pest Management program appropriation for pesticide regulation for FY 2012-13 and through FY 2014-15. This revenue estimate does not factor in the bill's provision exempting veterans from paying fees. There are approximately 780,000 veterans living in the State (roughly 10.8% of the adult population) and it is not known how many would apply for pesticide applicator certification under this Act. These funds are reflected in FY 2012-13 appropriations for the Department and, if the sunset is not delayed, program support will be reduced.

Date Completed: 9-20-12

Fiscal Analyst: Bruce Baker