

SENATE BILL No. 447

AN ACT concerning agriculture; relating to the agricultural and specialty chemical remediation act; increasing reimbursement limits; extending deposit loan program; amending K.S.A. 2-3708, 2-3713 and 2-3714 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2-3708 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-3708. (a) There is hereby established the remediation reimbursement program. The program shall be for the purpose of providing reimbursement to eligible persons for the costs of corrective action approved by the department of health and environment or taken in accordance with requests or orders issued by the department of health and environment.

(b) The amount of reimbursement that an eligible person may receive from the fund shall be limited as follows:

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), for an eligible person who has paid ~~any assessment~~ *all applicable assessments* imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 2-3713, and amendments thereto, reimbursement per site shall not exceed an amount equal to: (A) 90% of total eligible corrective action costs greater than \$1,000 and less than or equal to \$100,000; plus (B) 80% of total eligible corrective action costs greater than \$100,000 and less than or equal to \$200,000. The total amount reimbursed for any one site shall not exceed \$200,000 within a 5 year period or as otherwise set forth by the board pursuant to rules and regulations, *unless the property has been sold or leased and both the buyer and seller or lessee and lessor are responsible for remediation, in which case the total amount reimbursed for any such site shall not exceed \$400,000 within a five year period or as otherwise set forth by the board pursuant to rules and regulations.*

(2) For an eligible person who is not required to pay or has not paid any assessment imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 2-3713, and amendments thereto, or for a pesticide dealer who has paid the annual \$5 assessment pursuant to subsection (a)(4) of K.S.A. 2-3713, and amendments thereto, reimbursement per site shall not exceed an amount equal to 100% of total eligible corrective action costs greater than \$1,000 and less than or equal to \$10,000.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2-3713 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-3713. (a) Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 2-3712, and amendments thereto, there is hereby imposed environmental assessments as follows:

(1) An annual assessment of \$100 to be paid by each custom blender required to be licensed pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1201a, and amendments thereto. Such assessment shall be paid to the secretary of agriculture by the custom blender at the time and in the manner provided by law for payment of the custom blender's license fee.

(2) An annual assessment of \$20 for each commercial fertilizer required to be registered pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1202, and amendments thereto. Such assessment shall be paid to the secretary of agriculture by the applicant for registration at the time and in the manner provided by law for payment of the registration fee for the commercial fertilizer.

(3) An annual assessment of \$60 for each agricultural chemical required to be registered pursuant to K.S.A. 2-2204, and amendments thereto, other than an agricultural chemical classified as an antimicrobial pesticide, as defined by 7 U.S.C. §136(mm). Such assessment shall be paid to the secretary of agriculture by the applicant for registration at the time and in the manner provided by law for payment of the registration fee for the agricultural chemical.

(4) An annual assessment to be paid by each pesticide dealer required to be registered pursuant to K.S.A. 2-2469, and amendments thereto. If the annual sales of pesticides from the previous year by a pesticide dealer from a business location are less than \$2,500, the annual assessment shall be \$5. If the annual sales of pesticides from the previous year by a pesticide dealer from a business location are equal to or greater than \$2,500, the annual assessment shall be \$80. Such assessment shall be paid to the secretary of agriculture by the pesticide dealer at the time and in the manner provided by law for payment of the dealer's registration fee.

(5) An annual assessment of \$.0005 per bushel of storage capacity of each public warehouse required to be licensed pursuant to K.S.A. 34-228, and amendments thereto, or pursuant to the federal warehouse act. Such assessment shall be paid to the secretary of agriculture by the applicant for licensure at the time and in the manner provided by law for payment of the warehouse license fee.

(6) An annual assessment of \$.0005 per bushel of storage capacity of each public warehouse in this state that is licensed pursuant to the United States warehouse act. Such assessment shall be paid to the secretary of agriculture by the licensee on or before August 31 of each year.

(7) *An annual assessment of \$1,000 to be paid by the responsible party for a site that has been sold or leased but where the seller or lessor still retains responsibility for cleaning up the site. Such assessment shall be paid to the secretary of agriculture by the responsible party on or before September 30 of each year.*

(b) The secretary of agriculture shall remit to the state treasurer all moneys collected by the secretary from assessments paid pursuant to this section. The state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount of the remittance in the state treasury and credit it to the fund.

(c) The secretary of agriculture shall adopt rules and regulations establishing procedures for payment and collection of all environmental assessments.

(d) The secretary of agriculture shall have the authority to reimburse or refund a person if an error occurred in the payment of an assessment.

(e) *For a remediated site to be eligible for reimbursement under subsection (b)(1) of K.S.A. 2-3708, and amendments thereto, all applicable environmental assessments must be paid for such site.*

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2-3714 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-3714. On July 1, ~~2010~~ 2020, the remediation linked deposit loan program, the remediation reimbursement program and the fund are hereby abolished.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2-3708, 2-3713 and 2-3714 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.