H.B. No. 1761

AN ACT

relating to the period for which a pesticide must be registered.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Section 76.041, Agriculture Code, is amended by amending Subsection (g) and adding Subsection (g-1) to read as follows:

(g)  Except as provided by Subsection (g-1), a [~~A~~] pesticide that has been registered with the department must continue to be registered until the earlier of:

(1)  the second anniversary of the date the registrant stops distributing the pesticide in this state; or

(2)  the date no [~~as long as the~~] pesticide remains in the channels of trade in this state. [~~The registrant shall ensure that the pesticide continues to be registered.~~]

(g-1)  A registrant that initiates a recall of a pesticide from distribution in this state before the pesticide's registration expires is not required to continue to register the pesticide after the expiration date.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1761 was passed by the House on April 14, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 142, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1761 was passed by the Senate on May 10, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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                  Governor