By:  Burns, Anderson (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 1761

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 17, 2023; April 27, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 4, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 4, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Perry           X

Hancock         X

Blanco          X

Flores          X

Gutierrez       X

Johnson         X

Kolkhorst       X

Sparks          X

Springer        X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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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