SENATE BILL No. 60

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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AN ACT concerning agriculture; relating to the Kansas department of agriculture; certain fees; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 2-1205, 2-2204, 2-2212, 2-2440, 2-2440b, 2-2443a, 2-2445a, 2-2464a, 2-2469, 2-3304, 2-3306, 82a-303b, 82a-708a, 82a-708b, 82a-708c, 82a-714 and 82a-727 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 2-1205 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-1205. An inspection fee shall be collected upon all commercial fertilizers sold, offered or exposed for sale, or distributed in Kansas, which shall be at a rate per ton-of 2,000 pounds fixed by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of agriculture, except that such rate shall not exceed \$1.67 per ton-of 2,000 pounds. The secretary of agriculture may adopt rules and regulations establishing the inspection fee rate under this section. Each person registering any commercial fertilizer shall pay the inspection fee on such commercial fertilizer sold, offered or exposed for sale, or distributed in Kansas. Each such person shall keep adequate records showing the tonnage of each commercial fertilizer shipped to or sold, offered or exposed for sale, or distributed in Kansas. The secretary, and duly authorized representatives of the secretary, shall have authority to examine such records and other pertinent records necessary to verify the statement of tonnage.

Each person registering any commercial fertilizer shall file an affidavit semiannually, with the secretary, within 30 days after each January 1 and each July 1, showing the tonnage of commercial fertilizer sold or distributed in Kansas for the preceding six-month period. Each such person shall pay to the secretary the inspection fee due for such six-month period, except that the registrant shall not be required to pay the inspection fee or report the tonnage of commercial fertilizers or fertilizer materials sold and shipped directly to fertilizer manufacturers or mixers. The fertilizer manufacturers or mixers shall keep adequate records of the commercial fertilizers sold or distributed in this state, and report to the secretary the tonnage and pay the inspection fee due. If the affidavit is not filed and the inspection fee is not paid within the 30-day period, or if the report of tonnage is false, the secretary may revoke the registrations filed by such person. If the affidavit is not filed and the inspection fee is not

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paid within the 30-day period, or any extension thereof granted by the secretary, a penalty of \$10 per day shall be assessed against the registrant, except that on and after July 1, 2015 2025, a penalty of \$5 per day shall be assessed against the registrant, and the inspection fee and penalty shall constitute a debt and become the basis for a judgment against such person. The secretary may grant a reasonable extension of time.

The secretary of agriculture is hereby authorized and empowered to reduce the inspection fee by adopting rules and regulations under this section whenever the secretary determines that the inspection fee is yielding more than is necessary for the purpose of administering the provisions of this act as listed below and the plant pest act. The secretary is hereby authorized and empowered to increase the inspection fee by adopting rules and regulations under this section when it finds that such is necessary to produce sufficient revenues for the purposes of administering the provisions of this act, except that the inspection fee shall not be increased in excess of the maximum fee prescribed by this section. The secretary may charge and collect an amount necessary for the purpose of administering the provisions of this act. Such amount shall not exceed the cost for administering this act and shall be collected from the fee imposed herein, prior to any other remittance by the secretary. The secretary shall remit-all the remaining moneys received by or for the secretary under article 12 of chapter 2 of Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and shall credit such remittance as follows: (1) An amount equal to \$1.40 (a) 84% of such amount collected per ton shall be credited to the state water plan fund created by K.S.A. 82a-951, and amendments thereto; (2) an amount equal to \$.04 (b) 2.5% of such amount collected per ton shall be credited to the fertilizer research fund; and (3) the remainder (c) 13.5% of such amount collected shall be credited to the fertilizer fee fund to be used for carrying out the provisions of this act. All expenditures from the fertilizer fee fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary of agriculture or by a person or persons designated by the secretary.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 2-2204 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-2204. (a) Every agricultural chemical which is distributed, sold or offered for sale within this state or delivered for transportation or transported in intrastate commerce or between points within this state through any point outside this state shall be registered by the secretary. The secretary shall have the authority to classify or designate as restricted-use any pesticide registered for sale, use or distribution in the state of

Kansas, according to rules and regulations promulgated by the secretary. The secretary may adopt rules and regulations to allow products to be registered for a period not to exceed three years. All registration of products shall expire on December 31 of the year the registration is set to expire, unless such registration shall be renewed, in which event expiration date shall be extended for each year of renewal registration, or until otherwise terminated. Products which have the same formula, and are manufactured by the same person, the labeling of which contains the same claims, and the labels of which bear a designation identifying the product as the same agricultural chemical may be registered as a single product and additional names and labels shall be added by supplement statements during the current period of registration. Within the discretion of the secretary, or an authorized representative of the secretary, a change in the labeling or formulas of an agricultural chemical may be made within the current period of registration without requiring a reregistration of the product. Any agricultural chemical imported into this state which is subject to the provisions of any federal act providing for the registration and which has been duly registered under the provisions of such federal act, in the discretion of the secretary, may be exempted from registration under this act when such agricultural chemical is sold or distributed in the unbroken immediate container in which such agricultural chemical was originally shipped.

- (b) The registrant shall file with the secretary, a statement including: (1) The name and address of the registrant and the name and address of the person whose name will appear on the label if other than the registrant; (2) the name of the agricultural chemical; (3) a complete copy of the labeling accompanying the agricultural chemical and a statement of all claims made and to be made for it and a statement of directions for use; and (4) if requested by the secretary, or an authorized representative of the secretary, a full description of the tests made and the results thereof upon which the claims are based.
- (c) The secretary may require the registrant to submit a copy of the product label registered by the EPA under the provisions of FIFRA.
- (d) Any time the registrant modifies the label, the modified label shall be submitted to the secretary for review and approval prior to implementing the new label in Kansas.
- (e) On the date of registration, the registrant shall pay a fee fixed by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of agriculture. Such fee shall equal an amount per registered agricultural chemical, not to exceed \$150 per year. Such fee shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited as follows: The secretary may charge and collect an amount necessary for the purpose of administering the provisions of this act. Such amount shall not exceed the cost for administering this act and shall be collected from

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the fee imposed herein, prior to any other remittance by the secretary. The secretary shall remit the remaining moneys received by or for the secretary in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 2-2212, and amendments thereto, to the state treasurer. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the amount in the state treasury and shall credit such remittance as follows: (1) An amount equal to \$100 For each year of registration, 67% of such amount shall be credited to the state water plan fund created by K.S.A. 82a-951, and amendments thereto; and (2) the remainder 33% of such amount shall be credited to the agricultural chemical fee fund to be used for carrying out the provisions of this act. The annual fee for each agricultural chemical registered which is in effect on the day preceding the effective date of this act shall continue in effect until the secretary of agriculture adopts rules and regulations fixing a different fee therefor under this subsection. The secretary of agriculture is hereby authorized and empowered, whenever it determines that the fee imposed by this subsection and paid into the state treasury as provided by law is yielding more revenue than is required for the purposes to which such fee is devoted by law, to reduce the fee imposed by this subsection for such period as the secretary shall deem justified by adopting rules and regulations under this subsection but not for less than one year. In the event that the secretary, after reducing such fee, finds that sufficient revenues are not being produced by such reduced fee. the secretary is authorized and empowered by adopting rules and regulations under this subsection, to restore in full or in part such fee to an amount which, in the judgment of the secretary, will produce sufficient revenues for the purposes as provided in this section, but not exceeding the maximum amount of the fee imposed by this subsection.

- (f) The secretary, or an authorized representative of the secretary, whenever it is deemed essential in the administration of this act, may require the submission of the complete formula or any other data in support of the registration for any pesticide. The complete formula and any other trade secrets submitted to support the registration application shall be considered as confidential. If it appears to the secretary, or an authorized representative of the secretary, that the composition of the product is such as to warrant the proposed claims for the product and if the product and its labeling and other material required to be submitted comply with the requirements of this act, the secretary shall register the product.
- (g) If it does not appear to the secretary, or an authorized representative of the secretary, that the product is such as to warrant the proposed claims for it or if the product and its labeling and other material required to be submitted do not comply with the provisions of this act, the secretary shall notify the registrant of the manner in which the product, labeling, or other material required to be submitted fail to comply with the

act and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto so as to afford the registrant an opportunity to make the necessary corrections. If, upon receipt of such notice, the registrant does not make the required changes within 30 days, the secretary may deny registration of the product. In addition, the secretary may deny registration of a product if the application for registration fails to comply with this act or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant thereto. If the secretary denies a registration, the registrant may request a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

- (h) Any pesticide registration canceled or suspended under the provisions of FIFRA shall be considered to be canceled or suspended under provisions of the agricultural chemical act of 1947, unless such cancellation is due to the nonpayment of registration fees required under FIFRA.
- (i) If the secretary determines that a registered product fails to meet the claims made on its label, the secretary may suspend or revoke the product registration after a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act. In addition, if the secretary determines that a registered product or its labeling fails to comply with this act, or a rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this act, the secretary may suspend or revoke the product registration after a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.
- (j) In order to protect the public, the secretary, or a duly authorized representative of the secretary, on the secretary's own motion, may at any time, after written notice to the registrant, suspend or revoke the registration of an agricultural chemical. Any person so notified shall be given an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act with regard to the secretary's contemplated action, before any registration is suspended or revoked.
- (k) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, registration is not required in the case of an agricultural chemical shipped from one plant within this state to another plant within this state operated by the same person.
- (l) Any information required to be filed pursuant to this section, may be filed electronically pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the secretary.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 2-2212 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-2212. Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 2-2204(e), and amendments thereto, the secretary shall remit all moneys received by or for the secretary under article 22 of chapter 2 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, to the state treasurer in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state

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- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 2-2440 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-2440. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d), it is unlawful for any pesticide business which has not been issued a pesticide business license to:
- (1) Advertise, offer for sale, sell or perform any service for the control of a pest on the property of another or apply a pesticide to the property of another within this state; or
- (2) perform any service for the control of a pest or apply any pesticide on or at the premises of another person under any commission, division of receipts or subcontracting arrangement with a licensed pesticide business.

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require the licensing of any person applying restricted use pesticides to the property of another as a certified private applicator or under the supervision of a certified private applicator.

- (b) Application for a pesticide business license or renewal shall be made on a form obtained from the secretary and shall be accompanied by an application fee per category in which the licensee applies, and an additional fee for each uncertified individual employed by the applicant to apply pesticides. The application fee per category shall be \$140 per category in which the licensee applies, except that on and after July 1. 2018 2025, the application fee per category shall be \$112 per category in which the licensee applies. An additional fee of \$15 shall be paid for each uncertified individual employed by the applicant to apply pesticides, except that on and after July 1, 2018 2025, an additional fee of \$10 shall be paid for each uncertified individual employed by the applicant to apply pesticides. The application fee per category and the additional fee for each uncertified employee in effect on the day preceding the effective date of this act shall continue in effect until the secretary adopts rules and regulations fixing a different fee under this subsection. Any uncertified individual employed for a period of more than 10 days in a 30-day period or for five consecutive days by a licensee to apply pesticides subsequent to such application shall be reported to the secretary within 30 days of such employee's hiring and the fee shall be paid at that time. Each application shall also include the following:
- 41 (1) The business name of the person applying for such license or 42 renewal;
 - (2) if the applicant is an individual, receiver, trustee, representative,

not limited to:

agent, firm, partnership, association, corporation or other organized group of persons, whether or not incorporated, the full name of each owner of the firm or partnership or the names of the officers of the association, corporation or group;

- (3) the principal business address of the applicant in the state and elsewhere; and
- (4) any other information the secretary, by rules and regulations, deems necessary for the administration of this act.
- (c) The secretary may issue a pesticide business license to apply pesticides in categories for which an applicant has applied if the applicant files the bond, insurance, letter of credit or proof of an escrow account as required under K.S.A. 2-2448, and amendments thereto, satisfies the requirements of subsection (b), and pays the required fees. Such license shall expire at the end of the calendar year for which it is issued unless it has been revoked or suspended prior thereto. If a license is not issued as applied for, the secretary shall inform the applicant in writing of the reasons therefor.
- (d) The following persons shall be exempted from the licensing requirements of this act:
- (1) State or federal personnel using pesticides or pest control services while engaged in pesticide use research;
- (2) veterinarians or physicians using pesticides as a part of their professional services; and
- (3) any person or such person's employee who applies pesticides on or at premises owned, leased or operated by such person.
- (e) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d), it is unlawful for any governmental agency which has not been issued a government agency registration to apply pesticides within this state. Application for government agency registration shall be made on a form obtained from the secretary and shall be accompanied by a fee fixed by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, except that such fee shall not exceed \$50, except that on and after July 1,–2018 2025, such fee shall not exceed \$35. The governmental agency registration fee in effect on the day preceding the effective date of this act shall continue in effect until the secretary adopts rules and regulations fixing a different fee therefor under this subsection. No fee shall be required of any township located within a county which has previously applied for and received government agency registration. Each application for registration shall contain information including, but
 - (1) The name of the government agency;
 - (2) the mailing address of the applicant;
- (3) the name and mailing address of the person who heads such agency and who is authorized to receive correspondence and legal papers.

Such person shall be: (A) The mayor or city manager for municipalities; (B) the chairperson of the board of county commissioners for counties; (C) the township trustee for townships; or (D) any person designated by any other governmental agency; and

- (4) any other information the secretary, by rules and regulations, deems necessary for the administration of this act.
- (f) If the secretary finds the application to be sufficient, the secretary shall issue a government agency registration. The government agency is not required to furnish a surety bond under this act. Such government agency registration shall expire at the end of the calendar year for which it is issued unless it has been revoked or suspended prior thereto. If a registration is not issued as applied for, the secretary shall inform the applicant in writing of the reasons therefor.
- (g) A pesticide business license or government agency registration may be renewed by meeting the same requirements as for a new license or registration. Neither the pesticide business license nor the government agency registration shall be transferable, except that, in the event of the disability, incapacity or death of the owner, manager or legal agent of a pesticide business licensee, a permit may be issued by the secretary to permit the operation of such business until the expiration period of the license in effect at the time of such disability, incapacity or death if the applicant therefor can show that the policies and services of such business will continue substantially as before, with due regard to protection of the public and the environment.
- (h) No pesticide business license may be issued to any person until such person is or has in such person's employ one or more individuals who are certified commercial applicators in each of the categories for which the license application is made.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 2-2440b is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-2440b. (a) It shall be unlawful for any pesticide business licensee to apply pesticides for the control of wood destroying pests, structural pests, ornamental pests, turf pests or interior landscape pests unless the applicator of the pesticide is a certified commercial applicator or is a registered pest control technician, except that an uncertified commercial applicator may apply pesticides when either a certified applicator or registered pest control technician is physically present.
- (b) Any such employee applying for a pest control technician registration shall file an application on a form prescribed by the secretary. Application for such registration shall be accompanied by an application fee established by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, except that such fee shall not exceed \$40, except that on and after July 1,-2018 2025, such fee shall not exceed \$25, and shall be reduced, but not below zero, by an amount equal to the additional fee paid under-subsection (b) of

1 K.S.A. 2-2440(b), and amendments thereto, for such uncertified 2 individual.

- (c) If the secretary finds the applicant qualified to be a registered pest control technician after meeting the training requirements determined by the secretary in rules and regulations, the secretary shall issue a pest control technician registration which will expire at the end of the calendar year.
- (d) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas pesticide law.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 2-2443a is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-2443a. An applicant for a commercial applicator's certificate shall show upon written examination that the applicant possesses adequate knowledge concerning the proper use and application of pesticides in the categories or subcategories for which the applicant has applied. A commercial applicator who holds a current certificate to apply pesticides commercially in any other state or political subdivision of the United States may be exempted from examination for certification in this state upon approval of the secretary and payment of a \$75 fee per category, unless a fee not to exceed \$75 is established in rules and regulations adopted by the secretary.

Applicants shall submit with each application a fee per examination taken, including each category, subcategory and general core examination. The examination fee shall be fixed by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, except that such fee shall not exceed \$45 per examination, except that on and after July 1,-2018 2025, such fee shall not exceed \$35 per examination. Applicants who fail to pass the examination may reapply and take another examination upon paying another examination fee, which fee shall be fixed by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, except that such fee shall not exceed \$45 per examination, except that on and after July 1,-2018 2025, such fee shall not exceed \$35 per examination. The general core examination shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) The proper use of the equipment.
- (b) The hazards that may be involved in applying the pesticides, including:
- (1) The effect of drift of the pesticides on adjacent and nearby lands and other non-target organisms;
- (2) the proper meteorological conditions for the application of pesticides and the precautions to be taken with such application;
- (3) the effect of the pesticides on plants or animals in the area, including the possibility of damage to plants or animals or the possibility of illegal pesticide residues resulting on them;
 - (4) the effect of the application of pesticides to wildlife in the area,

including aquatic life;

- (5) the identity and classification of pesticides used and the effects of their application in particular circumstances; and
- (6) the likelihood of contamination of water or injury to persons, plants, livestock, pollinating insects and vegetation.
 - (c) Calculating the concentration of pesticides to be used.
- (d) Identification of common pests to be controlled and damages caused by such pests.
- (e) Protective clothing and respiratory equipment for handling and application of pesticides.
- (f) General precautions to be followed in the disposal of containers as well as the cleaning and decontamination of the equipment which the applicant proposes to use.
 - (g) Applicable state and federal pesticide laws and regulations.
 - (h) Any other subject which the secretary deems necessary.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 2-2445a is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-2445a. In lieu of obtaining a commercial applicator's certificate under the provisions of K.S.A. 2-2441a, and amendments thereto, a private applicator's certificate may be applied for by and issued to individuals using restricted use pesticides for the purpose of producing any agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by the individual or such individual's employer, or on the property of another for no compensation other than the trading of personal services between producers. Such certificates shall expire on the anniversary of the individual's date of birth occurring in the fifth calendar year following the year of issue. No certification shall be required hereunder for individuals operating under the supervision of a certified private applicator.

Certified private applicator certificates may be issued to individuals who have paid: (a) A fee fixed by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, except that on and after July 1,-2018 2025, such fee shall not exceed \$10; and (b) who have acquired practical knowledge of pest problems, proper storage, use, handling and disposal of pesticides and pesticide containers, pertinent information found on the pesticide labels, pesticide use safety and environmental considerations, either through Kansas state university extension service educational training or through individual study of educational materials available at county extension offices or the secretary. The certified private applicator certificate fee in effect on the day preceding the effective date of this act shall continue in effect until the secretary adopts rules and regulations fixing a different fee therefor under this section. Individuals shall indicate adequate knowledge of the subjects enumerated herein by passing an open-book examination approved by the secretary.

Educational materials and examination blanks shall be made available

at county extension offices and at places where extension educational training is conducted. The examinations shall be scored by members of the extension or secretary's staff. If an individual passes the examination by equaling or exceeding a standard authorized by the secretary, a certified private applicator's certificate shall be issued to such individual. Such staff member shall send a copy of the certificate issued, together with the fee, to the secretary.

A certified applicator who holds a current certificate to apply pesticides as a certified private applicator in any other state or political subdivision of the United States may be exempted from examination for private applicator certification in this state upon payment of proper fees and approval by the secretary.

- Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 2-2469 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-2469. (a) Each person who is a pesticide dealer shall register with the secretary. Registration shall be required for each business location distributing pesticides and shall be on a form provided by the secretary. Each registration shall expire on June 30 following issuance unless such registration is renewed annually. A registration fee of \$20 shall accompany the application.
- (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a licensed pesticide business which sells pesticides only as an integral part of such business' pesticide application service when the pesticides are dispensed only through equipment used for this pesticide application, nor to the sale of general use pesticides purchased for household use only, nor to any federal, state, county or municipal agency which provides pesticides only for its own programs nor to any individual who is the final purchaser of a pesticide for application to property or property rights owned, leased, or otherwise acquired by such person.
- (c) Each registered pesticide dealer is responsible for the acts of each individual employed by such dealer in the solicitation and sale of pesticides and for all claims and recommendations for use of pesticides made by such employees. The dealer's registration shall be subject to denial, suspension, or revocation after notice and opportunity for a hearing are given in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act for any violation of this act whether committed by the dealer or by the dealer's officers, agents or employees.
- (d) The secretary may charge and collect an amount necessary for the purpose of administering the provisions of this act. Such amount shall not exceed the cost for administering this act and shall be collected from the fee imposed herein, prior to any other remittance by the secretary. All fees remaining moneys received under this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with K.S.A. 2-2464a, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall

 deposit the entire amount thereof in the state treasury and 75% of such amount shall be credited to the pesticide use fee fund to be used for carrying out the provisions of this act and 25% of each such amount shall be credited to the publications fee fund of the Kansas department of agriculture.

- Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 2-2464a is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-2464a. *Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 2-2469(d), and amendments thereto,* the secretary shall remit all moneys received by or for the secretary under this act and amendments thereto, to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the pesticide use fee fund. All expenditures from the pesticide use fee fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary of agriculture or by a person or persons designated by such secretary.
- Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 2-3304 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-3304. (a) Any user of the chemigation process shall register and obtain a chemigation user's permit before using the process.
- (b) Registration shall consist of making application on a form supplied by the secretary. Such application shall include, but not be limited to:
- (1) The name of the persons to whom a permit is to be issued, including an owner or operator of land on which chemigation is to be used;
 - (2) a plan for using anti-pollution devices;
 - (3) a plan for handling tail water or accumulations of water;
- (4) the number and locations, including a legal description, of wellheads which may be involved in the chemigation process and surface water supply withdrawal points, not to include siphon tubes; and
 - (5) payment of fees.
- (c) The application fee for a chemigation user's permit shall be \$75 plus \$15 for each additional point of diversion, except that on and after July 1,—2018 2025, a chemigation user's permit shall be \$55 plus \$10 for each additional point of diversion. A chemigation user's permit may be renewed each year upon making an application, payment of the application fee and completing the report form providing information used in chemigation the previous year.
- Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 2-3306 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-3306. (a) Any individual operating chemigation equipment under a chemigation user permit shall be responsible for the safe operation of such chemigation equipment and any such equipment shall be considered to be under the direct supervision of the chemigation user

permit holder.

- (b) The secretary shall not issue a chemigation user permit to any person unless such person is a certified chemigation equipment operator or has in such person's employment at least one certified chemigation equipment operator. A chemigation equipment operator is an individual who has successfully completed an examination given by the secretary or the secretary's designee. Except as provided in subsection (c), if the chemigation user permit is issued to an individual, that individual must have successfully completed the chemigation equipment operator examination. Such examination shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - (1) The proper use of anti-pollution devices;
- (2) preparing the chemical solution and filling the chemical supply container;
 - (3) calibrating of injection equipment;
 - (4) supervision of chemigation equipment to assure its safe operation;
- (5) environmental and human hazards that may be involved in chemigation;
 - (6) protective clothing and respiratory equipment;
- (7) general precautions to be followed in disposal of containers and decontamination of the equipment;
- (8) handling of tail water and other accumulations of water containing chemicals;
- (9) information of procedures to be followed should chemicals inadvertently enter the water supply source as a result of the chemigation process;
 - (10) label information, especially chemigation instructions;
 - (11) applicable state and federal laws and regulations; and
 - (12) any other subject which the secretary deems necessary.
- (c) The examination provided for in subsection (b) may be waived for any individual who has been certified as a pesticide applicator in the category of chemigation pursuant to the Kansas pesticide law.
- (d) The chemigation equipment operator certification shall expire on December 31 of the fourth calendar year after the year of issue. A chemigation equipment operator certification shall be renewed for a succeeding five year period upon payment of the certification fee and passing the examination specified in either subsection (b) or (c).
- (e) The fee for certification as a chemigation equipment operator or for renewal of such certification shall be \$25, except that on and after July 1,2018 2025, such certification shall be \$10.
- Sec. 12. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 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 may charge and collect an amount

necessary for the purposes of administering the provisions of this act. Such amount shall not exceed the cost for administering this act and shall be collected from any annual assessment imposed herein, prior to any other remittance by the secretary. The secretary of agriculture shall remit to the state treasurer all remaining moneys collected by the secretary from assessments paid pursuant to this section in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. 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(b)(1), and amendments thereto, all applicable environmental assessments must be paid for such site.

Sec. 13. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 82a-303b is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-303b. (a) (1) In order to secure conformity with adopted rules and regulations and to assure compliance with the terms, conditions or restrictions of any consent or permit granted pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 82a-301 through 82a-303, and amendments thereto, the chief engineer or an authorized representative of the chief engineer shall have the power and the duty to inspect any dam or other water obstruction. Upon a finding pursuant to subsection (a) of K.S.A. 82a-303c(a), and amendments thereto, by the chief engineer that a dam is unsafe, the chief engineer shall order an annual inspection of the dam until it is either in compliance with all applicable provisions of this act, any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this act, permit conditions and orders of the chief engineer; or the dam is removed. The safety inspection shall be conducted by the chief engineer or authorized representative and the cost shall be paid by the dam owner. The class and size of a dam shall be defined by rules and regulations adopted by the chief engineer pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-303a, and amendments thereto. Inspection fees are as follows:

35	Size of Dam	Inspection fee
36	Class 1	\$1,500
37	Class 2	\$1,500
38	Class 3	\$2,500
39	Class 4	\$4.000

(2) Each hazard class C dam shall be required to have a safety inspection conducted by a licensed professional engineer qualified in design, construction, maintenance and operation of dams once every three years, unless otherwise ordered by the chief engineer.

 (3) Each hazard class B dam shall be required to have a safety inspection conducted by a licensed professional engineer qualified in design, construction, maintenance and operation of dams once every five years unless otherwise ordered by the chief engineer.

- (4) Within 60 days of the date of inspection, a report of the inspection shall be provided to the chief engineer by the licensed professional engineer who conducted the inspection. The report shall document the physical condition of the dam, describing any deficiencies observed, an analysis of the capacity of the dam and its spillway works, compliance of the dam with approved plans and permit conditions, changes observed in the condition of the dam since the previous inspection, an assessment of the hazard classification of the dam including a statement that the engineer either agrees or disagrees with the current classification, and any other information relevant to the safety of the dam or specifically requested by the chief engineer.
- (5) Upon failure of a dam owner to comply with the applicable inspection interval, the chief engineer or such chief engineer's authorized representative shall conduct a mandatory inspection of the dam and the costs as established by this act for the inspection shall be paid by the owner, in addition to any other remedies provided for violations of this act.
- (6) The failure to file a complete and timely report as required by the provisions of this act, or the failure to submit the fees assessed for inspections conducted by the chief engineer or the chief engineer's authorized representative shall be deemed a violation of this act and subject to the penalties provided by K.S.A. 82a-305a, and amendments thereto.
- (b) For the purpose of inspecting any dam or other water obstruction, the chief engineer or an authorized representative of the chief engineer shall have the right of access to private property. Costs for any work which may be required by the chief engineer or the authorized representative prior to or as a result of the inspection of a dam or other water obstruction shall be paid by the owner, governmental agency or operator of such dam or other water obstruction.
- (c) All fees collected by the chief engineer pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer as provided in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 82a-328, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 82a-708a is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-708a. (a) Any person may apply for a permit to appropriate water to a beneficial use, notwithstanding that the application pertains to the use of water by another, or upon or in connection with the lands of another. Any rights to the beneficial use of water perfected under such application shall attach to the lands on or in connection with which the water is used and shall remain subject to the control of the owners of the

1	lands as in other cases provided by law.
2	(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (d), (e) and (f), each
3	application for a permit to appropriate water, except applications for
4	permits for domestic use, shall be accompanied by an application fee fixed
5	by this section for the appropriate category of acre feet in accordance with
6	the following:
7	Acre Feet Fee
8	0 to 100\$200
9	101 to 320\$300
10	More than 320
11	for each additional 100
12	acre feet or any part thereof
13	On and after July 1, 2018 2025, the application fee shall be fixed by
14	this section for the appropriate category of acre feet in accordance with the
15	following:
16	Acre Feet Fee
17	0 to 100\$100
18	101 to 320\$150
19	More than 320
20	for each additional 100
21	acre feet or any part thereof
22	The chief engineer shall render a decision on such permit applications
23	within 150 days of receiving a complete application except when the
24	application cannot be processed due to the standards established in K.A.R.
25	5-3-4c. Upon failure to render a decision within 180 days of receipt of a
26	complete application, the application fee is subject to refund upon request.
27	(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (d), (e) and (f), each
28	application for a permit to appropriate water for storage, except
29	applications for permits for domestic use, shall be accompanied by an
30	application fee fixed by this section for the appropriate category of
31	storage-acre feet in accordance with the following:
32	Storage-Acre Feet Fee
33	0 to 250
34	More than 250
35	for each additional 250
36	storage-acre feet or any part thereof
37	On and after July 1, 2018 2025, the application fee shall be fixed by
38	this section for the appropriate category of storage-acre feet in accordance
39	with the following:
40	Storage-Acre Feet Fee
41	0 to 250
42	More than 250
43	for each additional 250

storage-acre feet or any part thereof

The chief engineer shall render a decision on such permit applications within 150 days of receiving a complete application except when the application cannot be processed due to the standards established in K.A.R. 5-3-4c. Upon failure to render a decision within 180 days of receipt of a complete application, the application fee is subject to refund upon request.

- (d) Each application for a term permit pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 82a-736, and amendments thereto, shall be accompanied by an application fee established by rules and regulations of the chief engineer in an amount not to exceed \$400 for the five-year period covered by the permit.
- (e) For any application for a permit to appropriate water, except applications for permits for domestic use, which proposes to appropriate by both direct flow and storage, the fee charged shall be the fee under subsection (b) or subsection (c), whichever is larger, but not both fees.
- (f) Each application for a permit to appropriate water for water power or dewatering purposes shall be accompanied by an application fee of \$100 plus \$200 for each 100 cubic feet per second, or part thereof, of the diversion rate requested in the application for the proposed project.
- (g) All fees collected by the chief engineer pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer as provided in K.S.A. 82a-731, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 15. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 82a-708b is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-708b. (a) Any owner of a water right may change the place of use, the point of diversion or the use made of the water, without losing priority of right, provided such owner shall: (1) Apply in writing to the chief engineer for approval of any proposed change; (2) demonstrate to the chief engineer that any proposed change is reasonable and will not impair existing rights; (3) demonstrate to the chief engineer that any proposed change relates to the same local source of supply as that to which the water right relates; and (4) receive the approval of the chief engineer with respect to any proposed change. The chief engineer shall approve or reject the application for change in accordance with the provisions and procedures prescribed for processing original applications for permission to appropriate water. If the chief engineer disapproves the application for change, the rights, priorities and duties of the applicant shall remain unchanged. Any person aggrieved by an order or decision by the chief engineer relating to an application for change may petition for review thereof in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 82a-1901, and amendments thereto.
- (b) Each application to change the place of use, the point of diversion or the use made of the water under this section shall be accompanied by the application fee set forth in the schedule below:
- (1) Application to change a point of diversion 300

1	feet or less\$100
2	(2) Application to change a point of diversion more
3	than 300 feet
4	(3) Application to change the place of use
5	(4) Application to change the use made of water
6	On and after July 1, 2018 2025, the application fee shall be set forth in
7	the schedule below:
8	(1) Application to change a point of diversion 300
9	feet or less\$50
10	(2) Application to change a point of diversion more
11	than 300 feet
12	(3) Application to change the place of use
13	(4) Application to change the use made of the water
14	The chief engineer shall render a decision on such permit applications
15	within 150 days of receiving a complete application except when the
16	application cannot be processed due to the standards established in K.A.R.
17	5-3-4c. Upon failure to render a decision within 180 days of receipt of a
18	complete application, the application fee is subject to refund upon request.
19	(c) All fees collected by the chief engineer pursuant to this section
20	shall be remitted to the state treasurer as provided in K.S.A. 82a-731, and
21	amendments thereto.
22	Sec. 16. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 82a-708c is hereby amended to read as
23	follows: 82a-708c. (a) A term permit is a permit to appropriate water for a
24	limited specified period of time in excess of six months. At the end of the
25	specified time, or any authorized extension approved by the chief engineer,
26	the permit shall be automatically dismissed, and any priority it may have
27	had shall be forfeited. No water right shall be perfected pursuant to a term
28	permit.
29	(b) Each application for a term permit to appropriate water shall be
30	made on a form prescribed by the chief engineer and shall be accompanied
31 32	by an application fee fixed by this section for the appropriate category of acre feet in accordance with the following:
33	Acre Feet Feet Feet Feet Feet Feet Feet Fe
33	0 to 100
35	101 to 320
36	More than 320
37	for each additional 100
38	acre feet or any part thereof
39	On and after July 1, 2018 2025, the application fee shall be set forth in
40	the schedule below:
41	Acre Feet Fee
42	0 to 100
43	101 to 320 \$100

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1	More than 320
2	for each additional 100
3	acre feet or any part thereof
4	The chief engineer shall render a decision on such term permit
5	applications within 150 days of receiving a complete application except
6	when the application cannot be processed due to the standards established
7	in K.A.R. 5-3-4c. Upon failure to render a decision within 180 days of
8	receipt of a complete application, the application fee is subject to refund
9	upon request.
10	(c) Each application for a term permit to appropriate water for
11	storage, except applications for permits for domestic use, shall be
12	accompanied by an application fee fixed by this section for the appropriate
13	category of storage-acre feet in accordance with the following:
14	Storage-Acre Feet Fee
15	0 to 250\$200
16	More than 250. \$200 + \$20
17	for each additional 250
18	acre feet or any part thereof
19	On and after July 1, 2018 2025, the application fee shall be set forth in
20	the schedule below:
21	Storage-Acre Feet Fee
22	0 to 250\$100
23	More than 250. \$100 + \$10
24	for each additional 250
25	acre feet or any part thereof
26	The chief engineer shall render a decision on such term permit
27	applications within 150 days of receiving a complete application except
28	when the application cannot be processed due to the standards established
29	in K.A.R. 5-3-4c. Upon failure to render a decision within 180 days of
30	receipt of a complete application, the application fee is subject to refund
31	upon request.
32	(d) Each application for a term permit pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp.
33	82a-736, and amendments thereto, shall be accompanied by an application
34	fee established by rules and regulations adopted by the chief engineer in an
35	amount not to exceed \$400 for the five-year period covered by the permit.
36	(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 82a-714, and
37	amendments thereto, the applicant is not required to file a notice of
38	completion of diversion works nor pay a field inspection fee. The chief
39	engineer shall not conduct a field inspection of the diversion works
40	required by statute for purposes of certification nor issue a certificate of
41	appropriation for a term permit.
42	(f) A request to extend the term of a term permit in accordance with
43	the rules and regulations adopted by the chief engineer shall be

accompanied by the same filing fee applicable to other requests for extensions of time as set forth in K.S.A. 82a-714, and amendments thereto.

- (g) An application to change the place of use, point of diversion, use made of water, or any combination thereof, pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-708b, and amendments thereto, shall not be approved for a term permit, except as provided in K.S.A. 82a-736, and amendments thereto.
- (h) The chief engineer shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate and administer the provisions of this section.
- Sec. 17. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 82a-714 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-714. (a) Upon the completion of the construction of the works and the actual application of water to the proposed beneficial use within the time allowed, the applicant shall notify the chief engineer to that effect. The chief engineer or the chief engineer's duly authorized representative shall then examine and inspect the appropriation diversion works and, if it is determined that the appropriation diversion works have been completed and the appropriation right perfected in conformity with the approved application and plans, the chief engineer shall issue a certificate of appropriation in duplicate. The original of such certificate shall be sent to the owner and shall be recorded with the register of deeds in the county or counties wherein the point of diversion is located, as are other instruments affecting real estate, and the duplicate shall be made a matter of record in the office of the chief engineer.
- (b) Not later than 60 days before the expiration of the time allowed in the permit to complete the construction of the appropriation diversion works or the time allowed in the permit to actually apply water to the proposed beneficial use, the chief engineer shall notify the permit holder by certified mail that any request for extension of such time must be filed with the chief engineer before the expiration of the time allowed in the permit.
- (c) Unless the applicant requests an extension or the certificate has not been issued due to the applicant's failure to comply with reasonable requests for information or to allow the opportunity to examine and inspect the appropriation diversion works, as necessary for certification, the chief engineer shall certify an appropriation:
- (1) Before July 1, 2004, if the time allowed in the permit to perfect the water right expired before July 1, 1999, except in those cases in which abandonment proceedings pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-718, and amendments thereto, are pending on July 1, 2004;
- (2) before July 1, 2006, in such cases in which an abandonment proceeding was pending pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-718, and amendments thereto, on July 1, 2004; or
- (3) not later than five years after the date the applicant notifies the chief engineer of the completion of construction of the works and the

actual application of water to the proposed beneficial use within the time allowed, in all other cases.

If the chief engineer fails to issue a certificate within the time provided by this subsection, the applicant may request review, pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 82a-1901, and amendments thereto, of the chief engineer's failure to act.

- (d) Except for works constructed to appropriate water for domestic use, each notification to the chief engineer under subsection (a) shall be accompanied by a field inspection fee of \$400, or on and after July 1, 2025, a fee of \$200, except that for applications filed on or after July 1, 2009, for works constructed for sediment control use and for evaporation from a groundwater pit for industrial use shall be accompanied by a field inspection fee of \$200. Failure to pay the field inspection fee, after reasonable notice by the chief engineer of such failure, shall result in the permit to appropriate water being revoked, forfeiture of the priority date and revocation of any appropriation right that may exist.
- (e) A request for an extension of time to: (1) Complete the diversion works; or (2) perfect the water right, shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50, or commencing July 1, 2002, and ending June 30,—2018 2025, a fee of \$100.
- (f) A request to reinstate a water right or a permit to appropriate water which has been dismissed shall be filed with the chief engineer within 60 days of the date dismissed and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$100, or commencing July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2018 2025, a fee of \$200.
- (g) All fees collected by the chief engineer pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer as provided in K.S.A. 82a-731, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 18. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 82a-727 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-727. (a) Subject to existing water rights and the principle of beneficial use, the chief engineer may grant upon application made therefor temporary permits and extensions thereof to appropriate water in any case where the public interest in such water will not be unreasonably or prejudicially affected, except that the chief engineer shall not grant any such permit to appropriate fresh water in any case where other waters are available for the proposed use and the use thereof is technologically and economically feasible. No such temporary permit or any extension thereof shall be granted for a period of time in excess of six months. Each application submitted for a temporary permit or extension thereof shall be accompanied by an application fee of \$200, or on and after July 1, 2018 2025, a fee of \$100.
- (b) The chief engineer shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate and administer the provisions of this section.
 - (c) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to vest in the holder of

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any permit granted pursuant to provisions of this section any permanent right to appropriate water except as is provided by such permit.

- (d) All fees collected by the chief engineer pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer as provided in K.S.A. 82a-731, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 19. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 2-1205, 2-2204, 2-2212, 2-2440, 2-2440b, 2-2443a, 2-2445a, 2-2464a, 2-2469, 2-3304, 2-3306, 82a-303b, 82a-708a, 82a-708b, 82a-708c, 82a-714 and 82a-727 are hereby repealed.
- 9 Sec. 20. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.