

Extending Sunsets for Fees and a Program Within the Kansas Department of Agriculture; HB 2560

HB 2560 extends the sunset for the Water Right Transition Assistance Program (WTAP) from July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2030, and extends the sunset for various existing fees of the Pesticide and Fertilizer Program within the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) from July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2028.

[*Note:* WTAP is a KDA program that seeks to reduce the consumptive use of water from areas with declining supply, *i.e.*, the Ogallala/High Plains Aquifer in west-central Kansas.]

The bill extends the sunsets of the following fees:

- Penalty fee for not paying an inspection fee within a 30-day period of registering any commercial fertilizer;
- Application fee for a pesticide business license or renewal and additional fee for each uncertified individual employed by the applicant to apply pesticides;
- Application fee for government agency registration for pesticide;
- Registration fee for pest control technicians;
- Examination fee and re-examination fee for an applicant for a commercial applicator's certificate;
- Certificate fee for a certified private applicator;
- Application fee for a chemigation user's permit;
- Certification or certification renewal fee for a chemigation equipment operator;
- Permit fee to appropriate water and to appropriate water for storage;
- Application fee to change the place of use, the point of diversion, or the use made of the appropriated water; for a term permit to appropriate water; or for a term permit to appropriate water for storage;
- Field inspection fee;
- Application fee to request an extension of time to complete the diversion works or perfect the water right or to reinstate a water right or a permit to appropriate water that has been dismissed; and

- Permit fee for temporary water use and extensions.