

HOUSE BILL No. 2560

AN ACT concerning agriculture; relating to the Kansas department of agriculture; extending certain penalties, fees and program expiration dates; amending K.S.A. 82a-708a, 82a-708b, 82a-708c, 82a-714 and 82a-727 and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 2-1205, 2-1930, 2-2440, 2-2440b, 2-2443a, 2-2445a, 2-3304 and 2-3306 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 2-1205 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-1205. (a) 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 fixed by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of agriculture, except that such rate shall not exceed \$1.67 per ton. 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~~ registrant 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.

(b) 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~~ registrant 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 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, ~~2023~~ 2028, 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.

(c) (1) The secretary shall remit all moneys received by or for the secretary under article 12 of chapter 2 of *the* 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:

~~(a)~~(A) An amount equal to \$1.40 per ton shall be credited to the state water plan fund created by K.S.A. 82a-951, and amendments thereto;

~~(b)~~(B) an amount equal to \$.04 per ton shall be credited to the fertilizer research fund; and

~~(c)~~(C) the remainder shall be credited to the fertilizer fee fund.

(2) 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.

(3) The secretary of agriculture shall 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.

(4) The secretary may increase the inspection fee by adopting rules and regulations under this section when the secretary finds that such increase is necessary to produce sufficient revenues for the purpose 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.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 2-1930 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-1930. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Division" means the division of conservation established within the Kansas department of agriculture in K.S.A. 74-5,126, and amendments thereto;

(2) "historic consumptive water use" means an amount of use of a water right as calculated pursuant to subsection (k); and

(3) "program" means the water right transition assistance program.

(b) There is hereby established the water right transition assistance program. The program shall be administered by the division. The Kansas department of agriculture division of water resources and recognized local governing agencies, including groundwater management districts, shall cooperate in program implementation. The program shall be administered for the purpose of reducing historic consumptive water use in the target or high priority areas of the state by issuing water right transition grants based on competitive bids for privately held water rights.

(c) (1) The division may receive and expend funds from the federal or state government or a private source for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section. The division shall carry over unexpended funds from one fiscal year to the next.

(2) The maximum amount paid by the division shall not exceed a base rate per acre-foot of historic consumptive water use made available under the water right to be dismissed or permanently reduced. The division, in consultation with the commission, shall establish an annual base rate after considering recommendations from the chief engineer and the groundwater management districts regarding market conditions.

(d) The division may enter into water right transition assistance program contracts with landowners that will result in the permanent reduction of part or all of a landowner's historic consumptive water use by action of the chief engineer as provided for in subsection (f).

(e) All applications for permanent irrigation water right retirements shall be considered for funding. Permanent retirement of partial water rights shall only be approved by the Kansas department of agriculture division of water resources when the local groundwater management district has the metering and monitoring capabilities necessary to ensure compliance with the program.

(f) Applications for permanent water right retirement shall be prioritized for payment based on the following criteria:

(1) The applicant's bid price;

(2) the timing and extent of the impact of the application on aquifer restoration or stream recovery;

(3) the impact on local water management strategies designated by the board of each groundwater management district or by the chief engineer for each target area; and

(4) where rights with similar hydrologic impacts are considered, priority should be given to the senior right as determined under the Kansas water appropriation act.

(g) Water rights enrolled in the program for permanent retirement shall require the written consent of all landowners and authorized agents to voluntarily request permanent reduction or permanent dismissal and forfeiture of priority of the enrolled water right. Upon enrollment of the water right into the program, the chief engineer of the Kansas department of agriculture division of water resources shall concurrently permanently reduce or permanently dismiss and terminate the water right in accordance with the terms of the contract.

(h) (1) The division shall make water right transition grants

available only in areas that have been designated as:

(A) Target areas by the groundwater management districts and the chief engineer of the Kansas department of agriculture division of water resources; or

(B) target areas outside the groundwater management districts by the chief engineer of the Kansas department of agriculture division of water resources.

(2) Each target area shall be in a groundwater aquifer, aquifer sub-unit, surface water basin, subbasin or stream reach that the chief engineer has closed to further appropriations except for domestic use, temporary permits, term permits for five years or less and small-use exemptions for 15 acre-feet or less, if the use, permit or exemption does not conflict with this program.

(3) The designation of each target area shall include the identification of a historic consumptive water use retirement goal. When such goal is reached, the target area shall be delisted.

(4) The designation of each target area shall include the identification of sub-regions that are to be prioritized for retirements among competing bids.

(i) Contracts accepted under the program shall result in a net reduction in historic consumptive water use in the target area. Except as provided for in subsections (l) and (m), once a water right transition assistance program grant has been provided, the land authorized to be irrigated by the water right or water rights associated with that grant shall not be irrigated permanently. Water right transition assistance program contracts shall be subject to such terms, conditions and limitations as may be necessary to ensure that such reduction in historic consumptive water use occurs and can be adequately monitored and enforced.

(j) Only vested or certified water rights that are in good standing shall be eligible for water right retirement grants.

(k) (1) The historic consumptive water use of a water right shall be determined by either:

(A) Calculating the average amount of water consumed by crops as a result of the lawful beneficial use of water during the 10 preceding calendar years of actual irrigation and multiplying the average reported water use for the 10 selected years by a factor of 0.85 for center pivot sprinkler irrigation systems, 0.75 for flood or gravity irrigation systems and 0.95 for subsurface drip irrigation systems, but not to exceed the net irrigation requirements for the 50% chance rainfall for the appropriate county as shown in K.A.R. 5-5-12; or

(B) calculating the available pumping capacity of a water right by multiplying a flow rate test for each point of diversion applied to be retired under the water right by a theoretical pumping duration of 100 days multiplied by an efficiency factor of 0.85 for center pivot sprinkler irrigation systems, 0.75 for flood or gravity irrigation systems and 0.95 for subsurface drop irrigation systems, but not to exceed the authorized quantity of the water right or the net irrigation requirements for the 50% chance rainfall for the appropriate county as shown in K.A.R. 5-5-12. Flow rate tests must have been conducted not less than one year prior to the application date and certified as acceptable by the local groundwater management district or the chief engineer; ~~or~~.

(2) The applicant may also submit an engineering study that determines the average historic consumptive water use as an alternative method if it is demonstrated to be more accurate for the water right or water rights involved.

(l) Enrollment of an entire water right or a portion of a water right where land associated with the quantity is being permanently reduced from the water right in the program shall not subsequently prohibit irrigation of the land that, prior to enrollment, was authorized by the water right or water rights if irrigation can be lawfully allowed by another water right or permit pursuant to the rules and regulations and consideration of any future changes to other water rights that may be proposed to be transferred to such land.

(m) If more than one water right overlaps the place of use authorized by the water right proposed to be enrolled in the program, then all overlapping water rights shall be enrolled in the program or the landowners shall take the necessary lawful steps to eliminate the overlap with the water right to be enrolled. The burden shall be on the landowner to provide sufficient information to substantiate that the proposed use of water by the resulting exercise of all water rights involved will result in the net reduction amount of historic consumptive water use by the water right or water rights to be enrolled. The division may require such documentation to be provided by someone with special knowledge or experience related to water rights and such operations.

(n) The division shall adopt rules and regulations as necessary for the administration of this section. When adopting such rules and regulations, the division shall consider cropping, system design, metered water use and all other pertinent information that will permit a verifiable reduction in historic consumptive water use and permit alternative crop or other use of the land so that the landowner's economic opportunities are taken into account.

(o) The division shall hold a meeting in each target area designated after July 1, 2012, prior to entering into any water right transition assistance program contract for the permanent retirement of part or all of landowner water rights in such target area. Such meetings shall inform the public of the possible economic and hydrologic impacts of the program. The division shall provide notice of such meetings through publication in local newspapers of record and in the Kansas register.

(p) The provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, ~~2022~~ 2030.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2021 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~~ that 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, ~~2023~~ 2028, 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, ~~2023~~ 2028, 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:

(1) The business name of the person applying for such license or renewal;

(2) if the applicant is an individual, receiver, trustee, representative, 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~~ *that* 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, ~~2023~~ 2028, 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~~ *that* has previously applied for and received government agency registration. Each application for registration shall contain information including, but not limited to:

(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. 4. K.S.A. 2021 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, ~~2023~~ 2028, such fee shall not exceed \$25, and shall be reduced, but not below zero, by an amount equal to the additional fee paid under K.S.A. 2-2440(b), and amendments thereto, for such uncertified 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~~ that will expire at the end of the calendar year.

(d) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas pesticide law.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 2-2443a is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-2443a. (a) 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.

(b) 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, ~~2023~~ 2028, 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~~. Such 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, ~~2023~~ 2028, such fee shall not exceed \$35 per examination. The general core examination ~~shall include~~ includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- ~~(a)~~(1) The proper use of the equipment.
- ~~(b)~~(2) The hazards that may be involved in applying the pesticides, including:
  - ~~(A)~~(A) The effect of drift of the pesticides on adjacent and nearby

lands and other non-target organisms;

~~(2)~~(B) the proper meteorological conditions for the application of pesticides and the precautions to be taken with such application;

~~(3)~~(C) 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)~~(D) the effect of the application of pesticides to wildlife in the area, including aquatic life;

~~(5)~~(E) the identity and classification of pesticides used and the effects of their application in particular circumstances; and

~~(6)~~(F) the likelihood of contamination of water or injury to persons, plants, livestock, pollinating insects and vegetation.

~~(e)~~(3) Calculating the concentration of pesticides to be used.

~~(d)~~(4) Identification of common pests to be controlled and damages caused by such pests.

~~(e)~~(5) Protective clothing and respiratory equipment for handling and application of pesticides.

~~(f)~~(6) 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)~~(7) Applicable state and federal pesticide laws and regulations.

~~(h)~~(8) Any other subject which the secretary deems necessary.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 2-2445a is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-2445a. (a) 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.

(b)(1) Certified private applicator certificates may be issued to individuals who have ~~paid~~:

~~(a)~~(A) Paid a fee fixed by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, except that on and after July 1, ~~2023~~ 2028, such fee shall not exceed \$10; and

~~(b) who have~~(B) 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.

(2) 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.

(c) 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.

(d) 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. 7. K.S.A. 2021 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~~ *that* 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, ~~2023~~ 2028, 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. 8. K.S.A. 2021 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~~ *that* 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, ~~2023~~ 2028, such certification shall be \$10.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 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 lands as in other cases provided by law.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (d), (e) and (f), each application for a permit to appropriate water, except applications for permits for domestic use, shall be accompanied by an application fee fixed by this section for the appropriate category of acre feet in accordance with the following:

Acre Feet	Fee
0 to 100.....	\$200
101 to 320.....	\$300
More than 320.....	\$300 + \$20
	for each additional 100 acre feet or any part thereof

On and after July 1, ~~2023~~ 2028, the application fee shall be fixed by this section for the appropriate category of acre feet in accordance with the following:

Acre Feet	Fee
0 to 100.....	\$100
101 to 320.....	\$150
More than 320.....	\$150 + \$10
	for each additional 100 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.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (d), (e) and (f), each application for a permit to appropriate water for storage, except applications for permits for domestic use, shall be accompanied by an application fee fixed by this section for the appropriate category of storage-acre feet in accordance with the following:

Storage-Acre Feet	Fee
0 to 250.....	\$200
More than 250.....	\$200 + \$20
	for each additional 250 storage-acre feet or any part thereof

On and after July 1, ~~2023~~ 2028, the application fee shall be fixed by this section for the appropriate category of storage-acre feet in accordance with the following:

Storage-Acre Feet	Fee
0 to 250.....	\$100
More than 250.....	\$100 + \$10
	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. 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~~ *that* 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. 10. K.S.A. 82a-708b is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-708b. (a) (1) 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)-(A)~~ Apply in writing to the chief engineer for approval of any proposed change;

~~(2)-(B)~~ demonstrate to the chief engineer that any proposed change is reasonable and will not impair existing rights;

~~(3)-(C)~~ 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)-(D)~~ receive the approval of the chief engineer with respect to any proposed change.

(2) 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.

(3) If the chief engineer disapproves the application for change, the rights, priorities and duties of the applicant shall remain unchanged.

(4) 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. 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 feet or less.....	\$100
(2) Application to change a point of diversion more than 300 feet.....	200
(3) Application to change the place of use.....	200
(4) Application to change the use made of water.....	300

On and after July 1, ~~2023~~ 2028, the application fee shall be set forth in the schedule below:

(1) Application to change a point of diversion 300 feet or less.....	\$50
(2) Application to change a point of diversion more than 300 feet.....	100
(3) Application to change the place of use.....	100
(4) Application to change the use made of the water.....	150

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.

(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. 82a-731, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 82a-708c is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-708c. (a) A term permit is a permit to appropriate water for a limited specified period of time in excess of six months. At the end of the specified time, or any authorized extension approved by the chief engineer, the permit shall be automatically dismissed, and any priority it may have had shall be forfeited. No water right shall be perfected pursuant to a term permit.

(b) Each application for a term permit to appropriate water shall be made on a form prescribed by the chief engineer and shall be accompanied by an application fee fixed by this section for the appropriate category of acre feet in accordance with the following:

Acre Feet	Fee
0 to 100.....	\$200
101 to 320.....	\$300
More than 320.....	\$300 + \$20
	for each additional 100 acre feet or any part thereof

On and after July 1, ~~2023~~ 2028, the application fee shall be set forth in the schedule below:

Acre Feet	Fee
0 to 100.....	\$100
101 to 320.....	\$100
More than 320.....	\$150 + \$10
	for each additional 100 acre feet or any part thereof

The chief engineer shall render a decision on such term 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.

(c) Each application for a term permit to appropriate water for storage, except applications for permits for domestic use, shall be accompanied by an application fee fixed by this section for the appropriate category of storage-acre feet in accordance with the following:

Storage-Acre Feet	Fee
0 to 250.....	\$200
More than 250.....	\$200 + \$20
	for each additional 250 acre feet or any part thereof

On and after July 1, ~~2023~~ 2028, the application fee shall be set forth in the schedule below:

Storage-Acre Feet	Fee
0 to 250.....	\$100
More than 250.....	\$100 + \$10
	for each additional 250 acre feet or any part thereof

The chief engineer shall render a decision on such term 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. 82a-736, and amendments thereto, shall be accompanied by an application fee established by rules and regulations adopted by the chief engineer in an amount not to exceed \$400 for the five-year period covered by the permit.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 82a-714, and amendments thereto, the applicant is not required to file a notice of completion of diversion works nor pay a field inspection fee. The chief

engineer shall not conduct a field inspection of the diversion works required by statute for purposes of certification nor issue a certificate of appropriation for a term permit.

(f) A request to extend the term of a term permit in accordance with 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. 12. K.S.A. 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. 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, 2023 2028, 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, ~~2023~~ 2028, a fee of \$100.

(f) A request to reinstate a water right or a permit to appropriate water ~~which~~ *that* 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, ~~2023~~ 2028, 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. 13. K.S.A. 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, ~~2023~~ 2028, 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 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. 14. K.S.A. 82a-708a, 82a-708b, 82a-708c, 82a-714 and 82a-727 and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 2-1205, 2-1930, 2-2440, 2-2440b, 2-2443a, 2-2445a, 2-3304 and 2-3306 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 15. 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 HOUSE, and passed that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*

Passed the SENATE \_\_\_\_\_

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

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*Governor.*