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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 141, L.D. 420, Bill, "An Act to Improve the Reporting of General Use Pesticide Sales"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 in the last line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "year." the following: 'For the purposes of this subsection, "distributes" means sells, ships or delivers general use pesticides to a licensed general use pesticide dealer engaged in retail sales. The board may adopt rules to further clarify who is responsible for reporting under this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Board of Pesticides Control within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will incur some minor additional costs to adopt certain rules pertaining to certain reporting requirements. These costs can be absorbed within the board's existing budgeted resources.

The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment defines "distributes" to eliminate possible double reporting. The person who delivers to the retail dealer is the person required to report. The Board of Pesticides Control within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources is authorized to adopt rules to further clarify who must report.