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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 741, L.D. 960, Bill, "An Act to Protect a Farmer's Right to Farm"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 4-A and inserting in its place the following:

'4-A. Restrictions on designation of critical pesticide control areas. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 4, when designation as a critical pesticide control area is proposed based on serious or longstanding impairment of the health of a person or group of persons, the board may not designate the area as a critical pesticide control area unless medical documentation verifies that the person or group of persons is sensitive to one or more pesticides in use in the requested control area and the board finds that the pesticide or pesticides are being applied in a manner that unavoidably exposes that person or group of persons to the pesticide or pesticides in the normal course of the person's life and the board finds that exposure to the pesticide in use is likely to cause serious or long-term impairment of the longstanding health of the person or group of persons.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. It removes the language in the original bill relating to persons moving into an agricultural area. It adds additional language to clarify the criteria to be considered by the Board of Pesticide Control within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources when considering designating a critical pesticide control area based on health.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT