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THIRD READING

Bill No: AB 2380
Author: Papan (D)
Amended: 6/10/26 in Senate
Vote: 21

SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE: 4-0, 6/30/26
AYES: Caballero, Ashby, McNerney, Padilla
NO VOTE RECORDED: Alvarado-Gil

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 61-2, 5/7/26 - See last page for vote

SUBJECT: Pest control: registration fees

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This bill 1) raises the maximum total registration fee for the registration of any person advertising, soliciting, or operating as a pest control business from $25 to $75 within its home county and $50 to register an additional county, as specified; 2) increases the registration fee for a pest control aircraft pilot and pest control adviser to register in their home county and in an additional county, as specified; and 3) raises the maximum total registration fee amount for a Structural Pest Control Board registered company to register in its home county and in an additional county, as specified.

ANALYSIS:

Existing law:

1) Establishes the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), for federal regulation of pesticide distribution, sale, and use. Requires that all pesticides distributed or sold in the United States be registered (licensed) by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA). Requires, before US EPA registers a pesticide under FIFRA, the applicant to show, among other things, that using the pesticide according to specifications will not generally

cause unreasonable adverse effects on the environment (Title 7 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 136, et seq.).

2) Requires the director and the County Agricultural Commissioner (CAC) of each county, under the direction and supervision of the director, to enforce the pesticide program and the regulations that are issued pursuant to it. (Food and Agricultural Code Section 11501.5).

3) Authorizes the governing body of the local certified unified program agency (CUPA) to establish the amounts to be paid by each person regulated by the unified program under the single fee system at a level sufficient to pay the necessary and reasonable costs incurred by the CUPA. (Health and Safety Code Section 25404.5 (a)(2)).

This bill:

1) Authorizes a county board of supervisors to establish reasonable fees for the registration of pest control businesses licensed pursuant to the Food and Agricultural Code section 11704 in an amount necessary to cover the costs of registration but shall not exceed $75.00 per year in its home county and $50 per year for each additional county.

2) Authorizes a county board of supervisors to establish fees for the registration to cover the cost of registering pest control aircraft pilots, pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code section 11920 as follows:

   a. For a pest control aircraft pilot who registers in their home county, the total amount of registration fees shall not exceed the following:

      i. $55.00 per year in calendar year 2027

      ii. $65.00 per year in calendar year 2028

      iii. $75.00 per year in calendar year 2029 and later

   b. For a pest control aircraft pilot who is already registered in their home county, and is registering an additional county, the total amount of the registration fees for registering in the additional county shall not exceed the following:

      i. $10.00 per year in calendar year 2027

      ii. $15.00 per year in calendar year 2028

iii. $25.00 per year in calendar year 2029 and later

c. Authorizes a county board of supervisors to set fees for registration to cover the cost of registering pest control advisers pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code Section 12031as follows:

i. For a pest or a pest control adviser who registers in their home county, the total amount of registration fees shall not exceed the following:

1. Fifty-five dollars ($55) per year in calendar year 2027.

2. Sixty-five dollars ($65) per year in calendar year 2028.

3. Seventy-five dollars ($75) per year in calendar year 2029 and later.

ii. For a pest control adviser who is already registered pursuant to subdivision (b) and is registering in an additional county, the total amount of the registration fees for registering in the additional county shall not exceed the following:

1. Ten dollars ($10) per year in calendar year 2027.

2. Fifteen dollars ($15) per year in calendar year 2028.

3. Twenty-five dollars ($25) per year in calendar year 2029 and later.

d. Authorizes a county board of supervisors to set fees for a Structural Pest Control Board registered company as follows:

i. For a Structural Pest Control Board registered company that registers in its home county, the total of registration fees shall not exceed the following:

1. $55.00 per year in calendar year 2027

2. $65.00 per year in calendar year 2028

3. $75.00 per year in calendar year 2029 and later

ii. For a Structural Pest Control Board registered company that is already registered pursuant to subdivision (b) and is registering in an additional county, the total amount of registration fees shall not exceed the following:

1. $30.00 per year in calendar year 2027

2. $40.00 per year in calendar year 2028

3. $50.00 per year in calendar year 2029 and later

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 6/30/26)

California Agricultural Commissioners & Sealers Association (Source)
Orange County Employees Association

OPPOSITION: (Verified 6/30/26)

None received

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT: According to the author:

> AB 2380 modestly increases the fee cap for pest control operator registrations, enabling counties to fully fund their local pesticide enforcement programs. County agricultural commissioners play a critical role in ensuring the safe and effective application of pesticides across all 58 counties. They are responsible for addressing a wide range of potential risks associated with pesticide use and must report annually to the state on both program successes and incidents.
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> Importantly, fees collected from pesticide applicator and adviser registrations are reinvested directly into county oversight activities, supporting nearly all of the commissioners' work. Despite the significant responsibility counties bear in mitigating pesticide-related harm, fee caps have not been raised in decades.
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> AB 2380 acknowledges the essential role of county agricultural commissioners in protecting the environment, local communities, and farmworkers. By increasing the fee cap on pesticide operator registrations from $25 to $75, the bill gives county boards of supervisors the flexibility to cover program costs and strengthen local oversight.

The California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association, sponsors of this bill, wrote in support in part:

> "…As operational costs have increased over time, counties have been left without the ability to adjust fees to meet current needs. As a result,

CAC offices are often forced to rely on limited local taxpayer dollars to subsidize regulatory oversight that should be supported by the professional registration system itself.

AB 2380 offers a practical and reasonable solution. By gradually increasing the fee cap to $75 over the course of three years, the bill simply provides counties with the flexibility to set fees at a level that better reflects the cost of processing registrations and maintaining critical oversight programs. Importantly, the bill does not mandate a specific fee; rather, it allows county boards of supervisors to determine the appropriate level needed to recover administrative costs, 'up to' $75.

Ensuring CAC offices have the resources necessary to maintain accurate applicator records and enforce pesticide regulations is essential to protecting California agriculture, safeguarding workers, and maintaining public confidence in pesticide oversight…"

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 61-2, 5/7/26
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NOES: DeMaio, Sanchez
NO VOTE RECORDED: Arambula, Bains, Bonta, Chen, Flora, Hadwick, Hart, Hoover, Lackey, Patel, Patterson, Petrie-Norris, Celeste Rodriguez, Schiavo, Ta, Wallis, Wicks

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