
**Economic Development,
Agriculture & Trade Committee**

HB 1110

Brief Description: Modifying recertification standards for private applicators of pesticides.

Sponsors: Representatives Eickmeyer, B. Sullivan, Hinkle, Haler and Newhouse.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Increases from 8 to 12 the number of re-certification credits that a licensed private pesticide applicator may accumulate each year.

Hearing Date: 2/4/05

Staff: Meg Van Schoorl (786-7105).

Background:

The Pesticide Management Division of the Department of Agriculture (Department) licenses and certifies pesticide applicators, dealers and consultants. There are several different types of pesticide applicators, and the specific licensing requirements for each depends upon who the employer is and what type of pest control work will be performed.

A private applicator of pesticides is a person who uses or supervises the use of restricted use pesticides for the production of any agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by him or his employer. A private applicator must be licensed, and the license must be renewed each year that the applicator performs work that requires a license. In addition, in order to maintain the license, a private applicator must complete re-certification requirements every five years. Re-certification can be satisfied either by examination or by attending Department-approved courses.

A private applicator who chooses to be re-certified by taking approved courses must accumulate 20 credits within the five-year cycle. Under current law, a private applicator may accumulate no more than eight credits per year.

Summary of Bill:

A private applicator who chooses to be re-certified by taking approved courses may accumulate no more than 12 credits per year.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.