

SB 37 -- ANHYDROUS AMMONIA

SPONSOR: Bernskoetter (Knight)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 17 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill repeals provisions of law that give the Department of Agriculture oversight over standards relating to anhydrous ammonia and authorizes the Air Conservation Commission to adopt, promulgate, amend, and repeal rules and regulations for covered processes at agricultural stationary sources that use, store, or sell anhydrous ammonia, and regulations necessary to implement and enforce the risk management plans under the federal Clean Air Act.

Each retail agricultural facility that uses, stores, or sells anhydrous ammonia that is an air contaminant source subject to a risk management plan under the federal Clean Air Act must pay an annual registration of \$200. The bill also establishes an annual tonnage fee for anhydrous ammonia of \$1.25 per ton used or sold.

Each distributor or terminal agricultural facility that uses, stores, or sells anhydrous ammonia that is an air contaminant source subject to a Risk Management Plan Program 3 under federal regulations relating to chemical accident prevention must pay an annual registration of \$5,000 and does not pay a tonnage fee.

The bill creates the "Anhydrous Ammonia Risk Management Plan Subaccount" within the Natural Resources Protection Fund which shall consist of fees required in these provisions.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill would reduce regulations on retailers of anhydrous ammonia by consolidating all regulations within the Department of Natural Resources, the agency with expertise to implement the new program.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Bernskoetter; Missouri Soybean Association; Missouri Corn Growers Association; and the Missouri Agribusiness Association.

Additional written testimony was submitted in support of the bill.

OPPOSERS: Written testimony was submitted in opposition of the bill.

OTHERS: Informational written testimony was submitted on the bill.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.