
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AND MAJOR, MAY 10, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Federal and State regulatory agencies to utilize science-
2 based, peer-reviewed data in evaluating crop protection
3 chemistry and nutrients.

4 WHEREAS, A sustainable agricultural system in this
5 Commonwealth and throughout the United States is critical to the
6 continued production of food, feed and fiber to meet both
7 domestic and global demands; and

8 WHEREAS, The treatment, prevention and control of
9 agricultural pests is critically important to the health and
10 welfare of our residents and the safety of our global food, feed
11 and fiber supply; and

12 WHEREAS, The availability of modern agricultural technologies
13 such as precision farming equipment, crop protection chemistry,
14 genetically engineered or enhanced traits and agricultural
15 nutrients are critically important tools that allow farmers to
16 expand yields, reduce environmental impacts, improve
17 profitability and provide a safe, healthy, abundant and

1 affordable food supply; and

2 WHEREAS, The agriculture and food production industries have
3 a long history of success and safety in protecting and further
4 enhancing the food, feed and fiber supply for Pennsylvania
5 residents and the world; and

6 WHEREAS, The agriculture industry is recognized as an
7 important contributor to the economic vitality of the
8 Commonwealth through jobs, capital investment, farm income,
9 value-added sectors and contributions to the Commonwealth's tax
10 base; and

11 WHEREAS, The crop protection industry is among the most
12 studied and regulated of all industries at both the Federal and
13 State levels; and

14 WHEREAS, The continued success of these industries and our
15 nation's position as a world leader in crop protection
16 chemistry, genetically engineered or enhanced traits and
17 nutrients depends on Federal and State regulators utilizing
18 science-based, peer-reviewed data to assess both product and
19 ingredient safety; and

20 WHEREAS, Best available scientific information, practicality,
21 economics and societal impact are critical analytical factors
22 when promulgating regulations; and

23 WHEREAS, Sound science, rather than the "precautionary
24 principle" is the bedrock of our nation's regulatory scheme;
25 therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge Federal and
27 State regulatory agencies to use science-based, peer-reviewed
28 data to assess the impacts and the regulation of modern
29 agricultural technologies, including, but not limited to, crop
30 protection chemistry, genetically engineered or enhanced traits

1 and nutrients; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to

3 each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.