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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,  
MARCH 8, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in fertilizer, further providing for definitions  
3 and for application of fertilizer to turf.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. The definition of "pesticide applicator" in  
7 section 6801 of Title 3 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes, added July 11, 2022 (P.L.1538, No.83), is amended and  
9 the section is amended by adding a definition to read:

10 § 6801. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
12 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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15 ["Pesticide applicator." A commercial applicator or a public  
16 applicator as defined in section 4 of the act of March 1, 1974  
17 (P.L.90, No.24), known as the Pennsylvania Pesticide Control Act  
18 of 1973.]

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2 "Sanitized." A process to significantly reduce viability of  
3 pathogens and weed seeds.

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5 Section 2. Section 6813(b) of Title 3, added July 11, 2022  
6 (P.L.1538, No.83), is amended to read:

7 § 6813. Application of fertilizer to turf.

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9 (b) Restrictions.--No person may:

10 (1) Apply fertilizer labeled for use on turf to an  
11 impervious surface. Fertilizer labeled for use on turf that  
12 is inadvertently applied to an impervious surface shall be  
13 removed from the impervious surface immediately following the  
14 application.

15 (2) Apply fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus  
16 to turf at any time when the ground is frozen to a depth of  
17 at least two inches or snow covered.

18 [(3) Except as provided in paragraph (4), apply  
19 fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus to turf after  
20 December 15 and before March 1 or dates as established in  
21 regulations promulgated by the department.]

22 (4) [Fertilizer] Apply fertilizer containing no more  
23 than 0.5 pounds of total nitrogen per 1,000 square feet, or  
24 at a rate established in regulations promulgated by the  
25 department, [may be applied by a certified applicator or  
26 fertilizer technician] to turf after December 15 and before  
27 March 1 or dates as established in regulations promulgated by  
28 the department.

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30 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.