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### **Missouri House Approves HB 2763 in Hopes to Aid Farming Industry**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – The Missouri House of Representatives passed HB 2763, sponsored by State Representative Dane Diehl in hopes of continuing to aid Missouri's farming industry and provide more clarity and continuity in the regulation of pesticides used in the field of agriculture.

HB 2763 would change current statute language pertaining to the registration and labeling of pesticides sold through commerce or transported in the state of Missouri. Currently, each state is allowed to require differing information on the labels of pesticides used, which may cause confusion for some users. HB 2763 would make it so that a label showing registration approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), or consistent with the agency's carcinogenicity classification under the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), would be enough to satisfy any warning label requirement regarding cancer under any other current law.

"Today is a win for the agricultural community. I am pleased to celebrate the House passing HB 2763," declared Diehl, R-Butler. He emphasized, "In this industry, any pesticide used has gone through the full regulatory process and has thus been deemed safe to use. This piece of legislation protects products available now and that will be made available in the future. This legislation will help provide the tools needed currently and far into the future to provide sustainability to this industry."

Agriculture and related services are essential to the state's economy. Representative Diehl stands firmly behind the research done behind the products that have been developed and tested in the regulations processes to aid those working in such a key field for Missouri's economic success.

Speaker Dean Plocher, R-St. Louis, stated, "These industries are heavily regulated at the federal level, and to the extent labeling requirements are already imposed at the federal level, imposing different product labeling requirements is, at best, redundant and, at worst, confusing. This bill promotes consumer information and public health by encouraging manufacturers to register their pesticides with the United States Environmental Protection Agency."

Representative Diehl is optimistic about HB 2763 as it advances to the Missouri Senate. With the

legislative session ending soon, he continues to advocate for his constituents and the state's improvement.

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