



To: House Committee on Agriculture
From: Spencer Duncan, Executive Director
Kansas Pest Control Association
RE: HB2619

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The Kansas Pest Control Association supports HB 2619, allowing any documentation required under the Kansas pesticide law to be created or maintained in electronic form. This legislation simply allows for the ability to maintain records electronically and provide electronic statements of service to customers, upon their request. This is standard industry practice and desired by the majority of consumers.

This practice is currently not authorized by statute or rules and regulations; however, the Department of Agriculture has allowed this practice since 2014 through executive order.

Kansas Department of Agriculture to allow electronic documentation

MANHATTAN, Kan. – In response to request from industry, as well as to provide modern, efficient service, the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) has modified the documentation requirements for producers and agribusinesses governed by the Kansas Pesticide Law. “We have heard from industry and responded to their request. This is a common sense change that will allow agribusinesses and those who apply pesticides to provide an electronic version of documentation, rather than be required to submit paper copies,” Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey said. “We understand the challenges of doing business and want to make sure our Kansas companies can operate as efficiently as possible. That includes making sure our agency is as responsive and flexible as possible.” The new policy will allow paper, electronic or a combination of documentation forms to meet the requirements as set forth in Kansas Pesticide Law.¹

Since such practice is not in law we believe this authority needs to be in statute. This bill simply puts into law that which KDA has already approved.

There are more than 1300 pest control business licensees in Kansas and more than 8500 individual applicators. We will appreciate your support for your approval of this efficiency in business and government initiative.

Thank you for your attention to and consideration of this matter.

¹ <http://agriculture.ks.gov/AllNewsItems/2014/10/08/kansas-department-of-agriculture-to-allow-electronic-documentation>