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The Senate Agriculture Committee has unanimously agreed to send legislation to reauthorize the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act to the Senate floor, clearing the way for lawmakers to sign off on the measure before the existing law expires Sept. 30.

The Pesticide Registration Improvement Extension Act, H.R. 1029, would be the fourth reauthorization of PRIA, which charges pesticide makers a fee to get timely EPA approval for their products.

The law is a carefully negotiated agreement between agricultural companies and environmentalists. It also includes money for farm worker safety programs and environmental grants.

The bill would renew the law for another seven years and increase the fees paid by industry — a move companies hope will ease the budget crunch in EPA's pesticide office. House lawmakers signed off on the bill in March.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), during the markup of the bill this morning, raised concerns about moves by the Trump administration to delay EPA rules requiring more protections for farm workers and certification requirements for pesticide applicators. An amendment that Gillibrand offered and then withdrew called for provisions that would require any changes to the Obama-era rules made by current EPA leadership be "subject to a negotiated rulemaking process so that we can ensure that all members of our farm community are safe."

"We all have a responsibility to make sure farm workers are safe when they use pesticides and that means increased supervision and oversight," Gillibrand said.

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