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Farm Bill 2023-2024

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H.R.8467 - Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024

Section 10204 – Liability Protections for Pesticide Makers

Section 50301 – Preemption of Local Authority

Section 30402 – Streamlining Environmental Reviews

Section 40208 – Limitations on State Autonomy in Environmental Regulations

Section 60107 – Oversight of Chemical Usage in Agriculture

#### Farm Bill Notes

The current Farm Bill, particularly the version passed by the House Agriculture Committee, includes several provisions that could potentially offer liability protections or reduce the regulatory burdens on pesticide manufacturers:

- **Preemption of Local Pesticide Restrictions:** There's language suggesting that local governments might be prohibited from imposing additional restrictions on pesticides beyond what's federally allowed. This could limit lawsuits or claims based on local regulations by effectively preempting them with federal law.
- **Liability Protection for Labeling:** Specific sections, like those mentioned in discussions around the bill, aim to prevent courts from imposing requirements for labeling or packaging that differ from EPA approvals. This could shield manufacturers from lawsuits concerning inadequate warnings or labeling if they strictly adhere to EPA guidelines.
- **Exemptions for Plant-Incorporated Protectants (PIPs):** The bill might exempt certain genetically modified plants producing their own pesticides from additional regulatory requirements, potentially reducing avenues for liability if these PIPs cause harm.
- **Weakening Endangered Species Act (ESA) Protections:** By altering how the EPA must consult with other agencies for pesticide impacts on endangered species, this could indirectly affect liability by making it harder to prove negligence or inadequate protection measures against environmental harm, which might be linked to health or ecological lawsuits.

**Economic Analysis Requirement:** Mandating economic analyses before implementing pesticide restrictions could serve as a deterrent for new regulations, indirectly protecting manufacturers from potential future liabilities by keeping current, less restrictive standards in place.