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THE PLANT BIOSTIMULANTS ACT OF 2022

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What are Plant Biostimulants?

- Plant biostimulants are products that can be used in both agricultural and non-agricultural settings that improve natural plant nutritional processes, which can result in improved plant health; tolerance to abiotic and other environmental stresses; and improved growth, quality, and crop yield.
- Plant biostimulant products can increase the uptake and utilization of existing and applied nutrients, thus reducing the potential for nutrient runoff into rivers, lakes, and streams or loss to the atmosphere as greenhouse gasses.
- Innovative plant nutrition technologies, such as enhanced efficiency fertilizers, plant biostimulants, and other sustainability management practices can be useful tools for enhancing carbon sequestration, improving soil health, and reducing carbon emissions.

Currently, there is no consistent and predictable path to market for plant biostimulant products in the United States.

To address this, the Plant Biostimulant Act will:

- Amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) to define what is a plant biostimulant and exclude it from being regulated under the Act.
- Require the U.S. Environmental Agency (EPA) to revise existing Code of Federal regulations to include this new plant biostimulant definition.
- Require U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to study how plant biostimulant products can contribute to soil health.

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