

**455E.6 Legal effects — liability.**

1. [This chapter](#) supplements other legal authority and shall not enlarge, restrict, or abrogate any remedy which any person or class of persons may have under other statutory or common law and which serves the purpose of groundwater protection. An activity that does not violate [chapter 455B](#) or [chapter 459, subchapters II and III](#), does not violate [this chapter](#). In the event of a conflict between [this section](#) and another provision of [this chapter](#), it is the intent of the general assembly that [this section](#) prevails.

2. Liability shall not be imposed upon an agricultural producer for the costs of active cleanup, or for any damages associated with or resulting from the detection in the groundwater of any quantity of nitrates provided that application has been in compliance with soil test results and that the applicator has properly complied with label instructions for application of the fertilizer. Compliance with the above provisions may be raised as an affirmative defense by an agricultural producer.

3. Liability shall not be imposed upon an agricultural producer for costs of active cleanup, or for any damages associated with or resulting from the detection in the groundwater of pesticide provided that the applicator has properly complied with label instructions for application of the pesticide and that the applicator has a valid appropriate applicator's license. Compliance with the above provisions may be raised as an affirmative defense by an agricultural producer.

[87 Acts, ch 225, §106; 2018 Acts, ch 1041, §127](#)