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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING AERIAL SPRAYING OF PESTICIDES AND FUNGICIDES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to ban aerial pesticide and
2 fungicide applications except in emergency situations and that the
3 ground application of pesticides be conducted under Best
4 Management Practices that, for all practical purposes, eliminate drift
5 onto surrounding non-agricultural properties and include, at a
6 minimum: (1) Consideration of the proximity of the area to be treated
7 with pesticides to residential areas; (2) consideration of the manner of
8 crop planting to allow the potential application to individual crops; (3)
9 broad definitions of public notification of use including time, place,
10 chemical or substance to be applied and its concentration; (4) a ban on
11 the use of the most toxic pesticides; (5) an integrated pest management
12 plan; (6) an open and public review and comment of Best Management
13 Practices for each farm; (7) approval of Best Management Practices by
14 the Commissioners of Environmental Protection and Agriculture; and

15 (8) strengthened enforcement actions including fines, permit
16 revocations and other limitations.

Statement of Purpose:

To limit human exposure to harmful chemicals.