



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 6470
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 29, 2003

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF POISONOUS PLANTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) The Connecticut
2 Poison Control Center shall annually furnish a list of poisonous plants
3 to trade associations that represent retailers of flowers and plants for
4 publication to their members.

5 (b) For the purposes of this section, "poisonous" means having the
6 capacity to produce injury or illness to a human being or domestic
7 animal through ingestion of the plant.

8 (c) The trade associations referred to in subsection (a) of this section
9 shall annually distribute the list to their member companies that sell
10 flowers and plants at the retail level and shall encourage such
11 companies to make the list available to persons who are customers in
12 their retail establishments.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
UConn Health Center	Other - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Connecticut Poison Control Center, located at the UConn Health Center, to annually furnish a list of poisonous plants to trade associations that represent retailers of flowers and plants. This is expected to result in an additional cost to the Health Center associated with the distribution of this list. Any such cost is expected to be minimal.

House "A" struck the original bill and substituted the language concerning the poisonous plant list. This resulted in the minimal fiscal impact for the UConn Health Center.

OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6470 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF POISONOUS PLANTS**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Connecticut Poison Control Center to give annually a list of poisonous plants to trade associations representing flower and plant retailers for publication. It defines "poisonous" as having the capacity to produce injury or illness in a human being or domestic animal through ingestion.

The bill requires these trade associations to (1) distribute the list annually to their members selling flowers and plants at retail and (2) encourage their members to make the list available to their customers.

*House Amendment "A" replaces the original bill, which required retailers selling poisonous plants to post a sign near the plant informing consumers that the plant is poisonous and established administrative fines imposed by the consumer protection commissioner for retailers found in violation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

BACKGROUND***Connecticut Poison Control Center***

The Connecticut Poison Control Center is a part of the University of Connecticut Health Center (CGS Sec. 10a-132). It is affiliated with Hartford Hospital and is the only poison control center in Connecticut certified by the American Association of Poison Control Centers. Its mission is to provide statewide 24-hour emergency service for poison exposures, epidemiology of poisoning, and education for poison prevention.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 17 Nay 0