



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 5260

House of Representatives, April 12, 2012

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ROY of the 119th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT RESTRICTING THE USE OF METHOPRENE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On and after October 1,
2 2013, no person shall introduce any product containing methoprene
3 (isopropyl(2E-4E)-11-methoxy-3,7,11-trimethyl-2,4-dodecadienoate)
4 into any catch basin, brook, stream, river, lake, pond, sound or any
5 other body of water, except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of
6 this section.

7 (b) Methoprene may be introduced into a catch basin, brook, stream,
8 river, lake, pond, sound or any other body of water if the
9 Commissioner of Public Health declares a public health emergency
10 related to a life-threatening, mosquito-borne illness.

11 (c) Any application of methoprene permitted pursuant to subsection
12 (b) of this section shall be performed only by a duly licensed applicator
13 and in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act (33 USC 1251 et
14 seq.).

15 (d) Any person who wilfully violates any provision of this section
16 shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill prohibits anyone from introducing any product containing methoprene into various bodies of water under certain conditions, and makes anyone who willfully violates these provisions guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. This is not expected to result in a fiscal impact as no willful violations are anticipated to occur.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5260*****AN ACT RESTRICTING THE USE OF METHOPRENE.*****SUMMARY:**

Starting October 1, 2013, this bill prohibits anyone from introducing any product containing methoprene into any catch basin, brook, stream, river, lake, pond, sound, or other body of water unless the public health commissioner declares a public health emergency related to life-threatening mosquito-borne illness. In such an emergency, only duly licensed applicators may apply methoprene, and the application must be in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act.

Under the bill, anyone who willfully violates these provisions is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to one year imprisonment, a fine of up to \$2,000, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Methoprene***

Methoprene (isopropyl (2E-4E)-11-methoxy-3,7,11-trimethyl-2,4-dodecadienoate) is a larvicide that is introduced into still water to combat mosquito larvae.

Clean Water Act

The federal Clean Water Act (33 USC 1251, et seq.) regulates (1) discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States and (2) quality standards for surface waters.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 27 Nay 2 (03/23/2012)