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To: Senate Bill No. 443

File No. 240

Cal. No. 174

"AN ACT CONCERNING PESTICIDES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, ATHLETIC FIELDS AND MUNICIPAL GREENS AND BANNING THE SALE AND USE OF GENETICALLY-ENGINEERED LAWN OR TURF SEEDS."

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- 1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:
- 3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
4 section:

5 (1) "Lawn or turf seed" means any seed, mixture or combination of
6 seed, or plant grown from such seed, that is commonly sold, marketed
7 or known as a grass seed and that is intended for residential or
8 commercial application, including, but not limited to, cool season
9 Kentucky bluegrass, red fescue, chewings fescue, hard fescue, tall
10 fescue, perennial ryegrass, intermediate ryegrass, annual ryegrass,
11 colonial bentgrass and creeping bentgrass;

12 (2) "Genetic engineering" means the production of a lawn or turf
13 seed from an organism or organisms by a process in which the genetic
14 material has been changed through the application of: (A) In vitro
15 nucleic acid techniques, including recombinant DNA
16 (deoxyribonucleic acid) techniques and the direct injection of nucleic
17 acid into cells or organelles; or (B) fusion of cells, including protoplast
18 fusion, or hybridization techniques that overcome natural
19 physiological, reproductive or recombination barriers, where the
20 donor cells or protoplasts do not fall within the same taxonomic group,
21 in a way that does not occur by natural multiplication or natural
22 recombination;

23 (3) "In vitro nucleic acid techniques" means techniques, including,
24 but not limited to, recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid techniques, that
25 use vector systems and techniques involving the direct introduction
26 into organisms of hereditary materials prepared outside the organisms
27 such as microinjection, macroinjection, chemoporation,
28 electroporation, microencapsulation and liposome fusion;

29 (4) "Organism" means any biological entity capable of replication,
30 reproduction or transferring genetic material; and

31 (5) "Pesticide" means a fungicide used on plants, an insecticide, a
32 herbicide or a rodenticide but does not mean a sanitizer, disinfectant,
33 antimicrobial agent or a pesticide bait in a tamper-proof container.

34 (b) No person shall sell, offer for sale, distribute, market, use or
35 plant any lawn or turf seed that is entirely or partially genetically-

36 engineered for the purpose of making such seed pesticide resistant.

37 (c) The Commissioner of Agriculture may adopt regulations, in
38 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
39 implement and enforce the provisions of this section."

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