AN ACT CONCERNING PESTICIDE REGULATION IN THE STATE.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2019) There is established an account to be known as the pesticide enforcement account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. Moneys in such account shall be used to provide for the costs of regulating pesticides, performing requisite inspections concerning such regulation and any enforcement activities concerning the regulation of pesticides by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. All funds collected from the registration of any pesticide pursuant to sections 22a-48 to 22a-50, inclusive, of the general statutes shall be deposited into the pesticide enforcement account. Such account shall contain all moneys required by law to be deposited in such account. Such account may receive funds from private or public sources, including, but not limited to, any municipal government or the federal government.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2019) Not later than December 1, 2021, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall implement the use of an electronic reporting and record keeping
system for pesticide registrations and private and commercial pesticide applicator permits and certifications. Such system shall include, but not be limited to, components that improve the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's ability to make available to the public data concerning the use of pesticides in the state.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2019) Not later than October 1, 2020, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to: (1) Regulate the on-line purchase of restricted use pesticides in order to assure that such restricted use pesticides are not purchased and applied by persons who are not authorized to possess and apply such pesticides in accordance with the provisions of chapter 441 of the general statutes; and (2) implement and conduct a monitoring program that accurately and effectively determines levels of pesticides in the soil, water and natural resources of the state, including, but not limited to, the state's wildlife.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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**Statement of Purpose:**
To implement recommendations of the Council on Environmental Quality for properly enforcing pesticide restrictions.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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