
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 116

AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS NEAR LAKES AND PONDS.

SUMMARY

This bill eliminates the requirement that pesticide application businesses publish notice of a pesticide application on a private lake or pond with more than one shoreline property owner in a general circulation newspaper. The bill instead requires businesses to personally notify the shoreline owners or leave a conspicuous notice on an entry door of the home on the waterfront property. Anyone who gives notice of a pesticide application by aircraft according to state regulations is exempt from this provision. Under existing law, unchanged by the bill, if there is a state or municipally owned public access point, newspaper and signpost notice must still be given to the public.

Under the bill, the notice must give the time and date of the pesticide application. The pesticide application business must make at least two attempts to notify an owner, as soon as practicable but no later than 24 hours before the application.

If attempts to give notice fail, an emergency application is necessary, or best management practices of integrated pest management recommend an immediate pesticide application to reduce how much pesticide would otherwise be necessary, the bill requires the business to notify each owner in person immediately before the application occurs. Integrated pest management is a comprehensive pest control strategy that includes judicious pesticide use.

The bill also requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to give a public official all information it knows about a pesticide application scheduled or made to one of these lakes or ponds

when the official asks about it.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 30 Nay 1 (03/04/2022)