



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 963

January Session, 2023



AN ACT CONCERNING NEONICOTINOIDS FOR NONAGRICULTURAL USE.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (l) of section 22a-50 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2023*):

4 (l) (1) Not later than January 1, 2018, the commissioner shall classify
5 all neonicotinoids, as defined in section 22-61k, that are labeled for
6 treating plants, as restricted use pursuant to subdivision (2) of
7 subsection (c) of this section.

8 (2) On and after January 1, 2024, no person shall sell, possess or use
9 any pesticide that contains any neonicotinoid, as defined in section 22-
10 61k, except that such pesticide may be used on an agricultural plant or
11 to eliminate an invasive invertebrate pest if the Commissioner of
12 Energy and Environmental Protection, after consultation with the
13 director of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station,
14 determines that no other effective control option is available. The
15 director of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station may
16 consult with the Pesticide Advisory Council, established pursuant to
17 subdivision (d) of section 22a-65, to determine if such pesticide is the
18 only effective control option available. For purposes of this

19 subdivision, "agricultural plant" means any plant, or part of any plant,
20 that is grown, maintained or otherwise produced for commercial
21 purposes, including, but not limited to, any plant grown, maintained
22 or otherwise produced for sale or trade, for research or experimental
23 purposes or for use, in part or in whole, in another location such as any
24 grain, fruit, vegetable, wood fiber or timber product, flowering or
25 foliage plant or tree, seedling, transplant or turf grass produced for
26 sod. "Agricultural plant" does not include any pasture or rangeland
27 used for grazing and "invasive invertebrate pest" means any species of
28 invertebrate, including such invertebrate's eggs or other biological
29 material capable of propagating such species, and that: (A) Occur
30 outside of such species' Level III ecoregion, as defined by the United
31 States Environmental Protection Agency; and (B) are, or threaten to
32 become, substantial pests to plants of economic importance, an
33 environmental harm or harmful to human, animal or plant health; or
34 (C) are species regulated or under quarantine by the Connecticut
35 Agricultural Experiment Station pursuant to section 22-84a or the
36 United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health
37 Inspection Service's Plant Protection and Quarantine Program.

38 (3) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
39 assess a civil penalty of not more than two thousand five hundred
40 dollars to any person who violates the provisions of subdivision (2) of
41 this subsection for each such violation.

42 (4) The provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection shall not
43 apply to any neonicotinoid that is not labeled for use on plants,
44 including, but not limited to, neonicotinoids labeled for use in pet care,
45 veterinary use or indoor or structural pest control.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | October 1, 2023 | 22a-50(l) |

ENV Joint Favorable Subst.

