



General Assembly

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 962

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CERTAIN RODENTICIDES."

1 Strike section 2 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 2. Subsection (l) of section 22a-50 of the general statutes is
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
4 *1, 2023*):

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

9 (2) On and after January 1, 2024, no person shall sell, possess or use
10 any pesticide that contains any neonicotinoid, as defined in section 22-
11 61k, except that such pesticide may be used on an agricultural plant or
12 to eliminate an invasive invertebrate pest if the Commissioner of Energy
13 and Environmental Protection, after consultation with the director of the
14 Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, determines that no other
15 effective control option is available. The director of the Connecticut

16 Agricultural Experiment Station may consult with the Pesticide
17 Advisory Council, established pursuant to subdivision (d) of section
18 22a-65, to determine if such pesticide is the only effective control option
19 available. For purposes of this subdivision, "agricultural plant" means
20 any plant, or part of any plant, that is grown, maintained or otherwise
21 produced for commercial purposes, including, but not limited to, any
22 plant grown, maintained or otherwise produced for sale or trade, for
23 research or experimental purposes or for use, in part or in whole, in
24 another location such as any grain, fruit, vegetable, wood fiber or timber
25 product, flowering or foliage plant or tree, seedling, transplant or turf
26 grass produced for sod. "Agricultural plant" does not include any
27 pasture or rangeland used for grazing and "invasive invertebrate pest"
28 means any species of invertebrate, including such invertebrate's eggs or
29 other biological material capable of propagating such species, and that:
30 (A) Occur outside of such species' Level III ecoregion, as defined by the
31 United States Environmental Protection Agency; and (B) are, or threaten
32 to become, substantial pests to plants of economic importance, an
33 environmental harm or harmful to human, animal or plant health; or (C)
34 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 apply
43 to any neonicotinoid that is not labeled for use on plants, including, but
44 not limited to, neonicotinoids labeled for use in pet care, veterinary use
45 or indoor or structural pest control."