



General Assembly

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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3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*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 use any pesticide
10 that contains any neonicotinoid, as defined in section 22-61k, except that
11 such pesticide may be used on an agricultural plant or to eliminate an
12 invasive invertebrate pest. Any licensed pesticide applicator that uses
13 such a pesticide in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision
14 shall retain a record of the nature of such use and the location of such
15 use. Not less than monthly, each licensed pesticide applicator that

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

40 (3) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
41 assess a civil penalty of not more than two thousand five hundred
42 dollars to any person who violates the provisions of subdivision (2) of
43 this subsection for each such violation except the commissioner shall
44 assess a penalty of two hundred fifty dollars to any licensed applicator
45 who fails to file a report, as required by subdivision (2) of this
46 subsection, by the tenth day of the following month.

47 (4) The provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection shall not apply
48 to any neonicotinoid that is not labeled for use on plants, including, but
49 not limited to, neonicotinoids labeled for use in personal care products,

50 pet care products, veterinary use or indoor or structural pest control."