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Raised Bill No. 5217

LCO No. 1114



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CERTAIN RODENTICIDES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22a-50 of the general statutes is amended by adding
2 subsection (m) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (m) Not later than January 1, 2025, the commissioner shall
4 classify all second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides, as restricted
5 use pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section. For the
6 purposes of this subsection, "second-generation anticoagulant
7 rodenticide" means any pesticide product containing any one of the
8 following active ingredients: (1) Brodifacoum; (2) bromadiolone; (3)
9 difenacoum; or (4) difethialone.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) (a) No person shall engage in
11 the sale or distribution in this state of any second-generation
12 anticoagulant rodenticide, as defined in section 22a-50 of the general
13 statutes, as amended by this act. For purposes of this subsection,
14 "engage in the sale or distribution in this state" includes, but is not
15 limited to, the use of the Internet to perform such sale or distribution.

16 (b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
17 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
18 general statutes, to ensure that the continued use of second-generation
19 anticoagulant rodenticides, in accordance with the provisions of section
20 22a-50 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, is not reasonably
21 expected to result in significant adverse effects to nontarget wildlife.
22 Any such regulations shall include, but are not limited to, provisions for
23 the use of such rodenticides if the eradication of invasive rodent
24 populations is necessary for the protection of threatened or endangered
25 species or the habitats of such species.

26 (c) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Energy and
27 Environmental Protection shall submit a report, in accordance with the
28 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
29 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
30 relating to the environment on the potential implications of the
31 application of existing statutory and regulatory restrictions and
32 licensing requirements for the use of second-generation anticoagulant
33 rodenticides. Such report shall include, but is not limited to, an analysis
34 of the consistency of applying such restrictions and requirements with
35 federal law and any potential effects, including, but not limited to,
36 improved raptor health and expenses and delays that such changes may
37 have on public health and agriculture in the state and requisite
38 administrative resources for overseeing such restrictions.

39 (d) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this
40 section shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than five thousand
41 dollars by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
42 for each such violation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-50(m)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To restrict the use and sale of second-generation rodenticides in order to protect the health of hawks and other raptors.

[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.]