SYNOPSIS
Directs DEP to classify neonicotinoid pesticides as restricted use pesticides.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.
AN ACT concerning the use of neonicotinoid pesticides and
supplementing P.L.1971, c.176 (C.13:1F-1 et seq.).

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
of New Jersey:

1. a. The Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt,
pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410
(C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations classifying neonicotinoid
pesticides as restricted use pesticides and establishing a list of
chemicals that belong to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals to be
included under this classification.

   b. As used in this section:
      “Neonicotinoid pesticide” means any pesticide containing a
chemical belonging to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals,
including, but not limited to, acetamiprid, clothianidin, dinotefuran,
imidacloprid, nitenpyram, nithiazine, thiacloprid, thiamethoxam, or
any other chemical designated by the department pursuant to
subsection a. of this section as belonging to the neonicotinoid class
of chemicals.

   “Restricted use pesticide” means a pesticide that can be
purchased and used only by certified and licensed pesticide
applicators, as determined by the department, or persons working
under the direct supervision of a certified and licensed pesticide
applicator.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would direct the Department of Environmental
Protection to classify neonicotinoid pesticides as restricted use
pesticides, and establish a list of chemicals that belong to the
neonicotinoid class of chemicals to be included under this
classification. Neonicotinoid pesticides are suspected of having
adverse effects on pollinating insects and may contribute to the
disappearance of bee populations, commonly referred to as “colony
collapse disorder.” As a restricted use pesticide, neonicotinoids
could only be purchased and used by certified and licensed
pesticide applicators, or persons working under the direct
supervision of a certified and licensed pesticide applicator.