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SYNOPSIS

Directs DEP to classify neonicotinoid pesticides as restricted use pesticides.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning the use of neonicotinoid pesticides and
2 supplementing P.L.1971, c.176 (C.13:1F-1 et seq.).

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

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

13 b. As used in this section:

14 “Neonicotinoid pesticide” means any pesticide containing a
15 chemical belonging to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals,
16 including, but not limited to, acetamiprid, clothianidin, dinotefuran,
17 imidacloprid, nitenpyram, nithiazine, thiacloprid, thiamethoxam, or
18 any other chemical designated by the department pursuant to
19 subsection a. of this section as belonging to the neonicotinoid class
20 of chemicals.

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

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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