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STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Directs DEP to classify neonicotinoid pesticides designed for outdoor use as restricted use pesticides.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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 designed or intended for use in outdoor applications as
11 restricted use pesticides and establishing a list of chemicals that
12 belong to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals to be included under
13 this classification.

14 b. As used in this section:

15 "Outdoor application" means any application which takes place
16 beyond a building foundation perimeter.

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

24 "Restricted use pesticide" means a pesticide that can be
25 purchased and used only by certified and licensed pesticide
26 applicators, as determined by the department, or persons working
27 under the direct supervision of a certified and licensed pesticide
28 applicator.
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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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33 STATEMENT
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35 This bill would direct the Department of Environmental
36 Protection to classify neonicotinoid pesticides designed or intended
37 for use in outdoor applications as restricted use pesticides, and
38 establish a list of chemicals that belong to the neonicotinoid class of
39 chemicals to be included under this classification. Neonicotinoid
40 pesticides are suspected of having adverse effects on pollinating
41 insects and may contribute to the disappearance of bee populations,
42 commonly referred to as "colony collapse disorder." As a restricted
43 use pesticide, neonicotinoids designed for outdoor use could only
44 be purchased and used by certified and licensed pesticide
45 applicators, or persons working under the direct supervision of a
46 certified and licensed pesticide applicator.