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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 22-142—sSB 120

Environment Committee

Appropriations Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CHLORPYRIFOS ON GOLF COURSES

SUMMARY: This act prohibits using or applying chlorpyrifos (1) on golf courses or (2) for cosmetic or nonagricultural uses. The act allows the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) commissioner to assess a civil penalty of up to \$2,500 on those who violate the ban.

Chlorpyrifos is a “restricted use” organophosphate pesticide used mainly to control foliage and soil-borne insect pests. By law, because chlorpyrifos is a restricted use pesticide, it may only be applied by someone (1) certified under state law to do so or (2) directly supervised by a certified individual. Restricted use pesticides are classified by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or DEEP to have the potential to cause unreasonable adverse health or environmental effects. An EPA rule for pesticide tolerances (the maximum amount of pesticide that may remain in or on a food) generally provides no allowance for chlorpyrifos for land and greenhouse food crops and certain commercial livestock uses.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2023