



General Assembly

January Session, 2019

Committee Bill No. 5999

LCO No. 5559



* 0 5 5 9 H B 0 5 9 9 9 E N V *

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING PESTICIDE REGULATION IN THE STATE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) There is established an
2 account to be known as the pesticide enforcement account which shall
3 be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. Moneys in
4 such account shall be used to provide for the costs of regulating
5 pesticides, performing requisite inspections concerning such
6 regulation and any enforcement activities concerning the regulation of
7 pesticides by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.
8 All funds collected from the registration of any pesticide pursuant to
9 sections 22a-48 to 22a-50, inclusive, of the general statutes shall be
10 deposited into the pesticide enforcement account. Such account shall
11 contain all moneys required by law to be deposited in such account.
12 Such account may receive funds from private or public sources,
13 including, but not limited to, any municipal government or the federal
14 government.

15 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) Not later than December 1,
16 2021, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
17 implement the use of an electronic reporting and record keeping

18 system for pesticide registrations and private and commercial pesticide
 19 applicator permits and certifications. Such system shall include, but
 20 not be limited to, components that improve the Department of Energy
 21 and Environmental Protection's ability to make available to the public
 22 data concerning the use of pesticides in the state.

23 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) Not later than October 1,
 24 2020, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
 25 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of
 26 the general statutes, to: (1) Regulate the on-line purchase of restricted
 27 use pesticides in order to assure that such restricted use pesticides are
 28 not purchased and applied by persons who are not authorized to
 29 possess and apply such pesticides in accordance with the provisions of
 30 chapter 441 of the general statutes; and (2) implement and conduct a
 31 monitoring program that accurately and effectively determines levels
 32 of pesticides in the soil, water and natural resources of the state,
 33 including, but not limited to, the state's wildlife.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement recommendations of the Council on Environmental Quality for properly enforcing pesticide restrictions.

[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.]

Co-Sponsors: REP. WOOD, 29th Dist.; REP. MICHEL, 146th Dist.

H.B. 5999