

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1369

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROWLAND.

1538H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 281, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to neonicotinoids, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 281, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 281.143, to read as follows:

281.143. 1. (1) Any term defined in section 281.020 or 281.220 shall have the same meaning if such term is used in this section.

(2) As used in this section, "neonicotinoid pesticide" means any:

(a) Pesticide containing any chemical belonging to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals; or

(b) Insecticide belonging to the neonicotinoid class of pesticides as determined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

2. Beginning on January 1, 2022, no person shall:

(1) Sell or offer for sale at retail any neonicotinoid pesticide in this state unless the person also sells a restricted use pesticide; or

(2) Use a neonicotinoid pesticide unless the person is:

(a) An applicator, operator, or technician;

(b) A farmer, or a person under the supervision of a farmer, who uses the pesticide for agricultural purposes including, but not limited to, crop production, livestock, poultry, equine, and noncrop agricultural fields; or

(c) A veterinarian.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **3. The department shall develop a statewide managed pollinator protection plan**
18 **in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency and shall incorporate pollinator**
19 **habitat expansion and enhancement practices into such plan.**

20 **4. (1) On completion of the Environmental Protection Agency's pollinator risk**
21 **assessment of any neonicotinoid pesticide, the department shall review the state's pesticide**
22 **laws and regulations and make recommendations for any changes necessary to ensure state**
23 **laws and regulations are protective of pollinators, taking into account the Environmental**
24 **Protection Agency's recommendations.**

25 **(2) Within six months of the Environmental Protection Agency's completed**
26 **pollinator risk assessment of neonicotinoid pesticides, the department shall report its**
27 **findings and recommendations to the governor and the general assembly.**

28 **5. This section shall not apply to any existing stock of any neonicotinoid pesticide**
29 **in any person's possession or purchased on or before December 31, 2021.**

30 **6. A violation of this section is a class A misdemeanor.**

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