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SYNOPSIS

The “Safe Playing Fields Act”; restricts use of lawn care pesticides at certain child care centers, schools and recreational fields.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning use of lawn care pesticides at child care
2 centers, schools and recreational fields, and supplementing Title
3 13 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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8 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Safe
9 Playing Fields Act."

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11 2. As used in this act:

12 "Charter school" means a school established pursuant to
13 P.L.1995, c.426 (C.18A:36A-1 et seq.).

14 "Child care center" means a child care center licensed pursuant
15 to the provisions of the "Child Care Center Licensing Act,"
16 P.L.1983, c.492 (C.30:5B-1 et seq.).

17 "Lawn care pesticide" means any pesticide labeled, designed or
18 intended for use on lawns, gardens, turf or ornamental plants.

19 "Pesticide" means a pesticide as defined pursuant to section 3 of
20 P.L.2002, c.117 (C.13:1F-21).

21 "Playground" means a playground as defined pursuant to section
22 1 of P.L.1999, c.50 (C.52:27D-123.9).

23 "Recreational field" means an athletic playing field, and includes
24 recreational fields within a municipal, county, or State park.

25 "School" means any public school or private school as defined in
26 N.J.S.18A:1-1.

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28 3. a. No lawn care pesticide shall be applied on the grounds of
29 any child care center, including a playground or recreational field
30 located at the child care center, during regular business hours,
31 except that a lawn care pesticide may be applied as an emergency
32 response to eliminate an immediate threat to human health. Such
33 emergency shall be determined by the chief executive or owner, as
34 appropriate, of the child care center.

35 b. No child enrolled at a child care center shall be permitted
36 access to a pesticide treated area for at least seven hours after the
37 application.

38 c. No later than one year after the effective date of this act, the
39 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the
40 Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, shall adopt rules and
41 regulations in accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
42 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), concerning pesticide
43 application, record keeping, and staff and parental notification
44 procedures at child care centers consistent with the goal of
45 mitigating potential health risks to young children by reducing or
46 eliminating the use of pesticides, and by first considering the use of
47 low impact pesticides.

