

ASSEMBLY, No. 1407

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits installation or use of residential automatic pesticide misting systems.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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

15 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

20 This bill would prohibit the installation and use of any residential
21 automatic pesticide misting system on any residential property in
22 the State. The bill defines “residential automatic pesticide misting
23 system” as any device that is designed to be installed on, near, or
24 around the exterior, or the grounds, of a residential dwelling and to
25 automatically spray a pesticide solution at timed intervals. Also the
26 bill supplements the Pesticide Control Act of 1971, and therefore a
27 violator is subject to the penalties set forth under that act.

Often installed to control mosquito and tick populations, pesticide misting systems have been shown to have little efficacy in controlling these pests while simultaneously posing a threat to the health of people and helpful insects, such as honey bees and other pollinators, according to at least one environmental organization. Connecticut recently enacted legislation prohibiting these misting devices and New York State has taken administrative action to regulate the devices.