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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits application of neonicotinoids on State, county, or municipal property.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the application of neonicotinoids and
2 supplementing P.L.1971, c.176 (C.13:1F-1 et seq.).
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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:
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7 1. a. Within 180 days after the effective date of P.L. ,
8 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the
9 department shall adopt, pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure
10 Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations:
11 (1) establishing a list of chemicals that belong to the neonicotinoid
12 class of chemicals; and (2) prohibiting the application of a
13 neonicotinoid on any property owned or controlled by the State, a
14 county, or a municipality.

15 b. No person shall apply a neonicotinoid that is on the list
16 adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to
17 subsection a. of this section on any property owned or controlled by
18 the State, a county, or a municipality.

19 c. The Department of the Treasury, in consultation with the
20 Department of Environmental Protection, may issue any guidance,
21 or adopt rules or regulations pursuant to the “Administrative
22 Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as may be
23 necessary for the implementation of this section.
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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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28 STATEMENT 29

30 This bill would prohibit the use of neonicotinoids on any lands
31 owned or controlled by the State, a county, or a municipality. The
32 bill would direct Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to
33 establish a list of chemicals that belong to the neonicotinoid class of
34 chemicals to be included in the prohibition. Additionally, the bill
35 provides that the Department of the Treasury, in consultation with
36 the DEP, may issue any guidance, or rules or regulations as may be
37 necessary for the implementation the bill.

38 Neonicotinoids are a group of widely used insecticides.
39 Neonicotinoids are absorbed by plants and can be present in pollen
40 and nectar, which is a threat to bee populations. Research suggests
41 that neonicotinoids have an adverse impact on pollinating insects,
42 and may contribute to the disappearance of bee populations and
43 colony collapse disorder.