



State of Wisconsin
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2021 SENATE BILL 455

July 21, 2021 - Introduced by Senators AGARD, SMITH, L. TAYLOR, CARPENTER, LARSON, ROYS and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives SNODGRASS, CONSIDINE, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BALDEH, BEHNKE, BILLINGS, CABRERA, CONLEY, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, POPE, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, STUBBS and VINING. Referred to Committee on Labor and Regulatory Reform.

1 **AN ACT to create** 29.601 (4m) of the statutes; **relating to:** ban on the use of
2 certain insecticides by the Department of Natural Resources.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits, with limited exceptions, the Department of Natural Resources from using any insecticide from the neonicotinoid class within a one-mile radius of any pollinator habitat located on land maintained by DNR. Under the bill, this prohibition does not apply to uses of this insecticide that are 1) pursuant to existing cooperative farming agreements or contracts or 2) for forest insect control on forested lands, state forest nurseries, or seed orchards or in designated zones of infestation.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 29.601 (4m) of the statutes is created to read:
4 29.601 (**4m**) USE OF INSECTICIDES. (a) The department may not use any
5 insecticide from the neonicotinoid class within a one-mile radius of any pollinator

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1 habitat located on land that is acquired and maintained by the department as
2 provided under s. 23.09 (2) (d).

3 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to insecticides from the neonicotinoid class
4 that are used pursuant to a cooperative farming agreement or contract that the
5 department has entered into prior to the effective date of this subsection [LRB
6 inserts date].

7 (c) Paragraph (a) does not apply to insecticides from the neonicotinoid class
8 that are used for forest insect control on forested lands, state forest nurseries, or seed
9 orchards or in designated zones of infestation as provided under s. 26.30 (7) (a).

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