State of Wisconsin
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2025 SENATE BILL 298

May 30, 2025 - Introduced by Senators PFAFF, HABUSH SINYKIN, CARPENTER, DRAKE, HESSELBEIN, KEYESKI, LARSON, RATCLIFF, ROYS, SMITH, SPREITZER, WALL, WIRCH and DASSLER-ALFHEIM, cosponsored by Representatives SNODGRASS, BEHNKE, DESANTO, MIRESSE, ANDERSON, ARNEY, BARE, BILLINGS, CLANCY, CRUZ, DESMIDT, DOYLE, FITZGERALD, JOERS, JOHNSON, MADISON, MAYADEV, MOORE OMOKUNDE, PALMERI, RIVERA-WAGNER, ROE, SINICKI, STUBBS, SUBECK, TENORIO, VINING, ANDRACA and UDELL. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Veteran and Military Affairs.

AN ACT ***to create*** 29.601 (4m) of the statutes; **relating to:** ban on the use of 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 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.

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

SECTION 1. 29.601 (4m) of the statutes is created to read:

29.601 **(4m)** USE OF INSECTICIDES. (a) The department may not use any insecticide from the neonicotinoid class on land that is acquired and maintained by the department as provided under s. 23.09 (2) (d).

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

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

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