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1983 Assembly Bill 630

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1983 Wisconsin Act 353

AN ACT to create 94.708 of the statutes, relating to sale and use of pesticides to control bats, granting rule-making authority and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. 94.708 of the statutes is created to read:

94.708 Pesticides; sale and use to control bats. (1) DEFINITION. As used in this section, "bat control purposes" means for the purpose of killing, injuring, repelling or otherwise affecting the behavior of bats.

(2) SALE PROHIBITED. Except as provided under sub. (4), no person may sell, hold for sale or distribute any pesticide except naphthalene for bat control purposes to a person in this state. No dealer may advertise in this state or recommend any pesticide for bat control purposes to a person in this state.

(3) USE PROHIBITED. Except as provided under sub. (4), no person may use any pesticide except naphthalene for bat control purposes.

(4) EXCEPTION. The department shall promulgate rules establishing standards for the sale, advertisement and use of pesticides for emergency bat control. The pesticide review board may issue a permit authorizing the use of a pesticide in accordance with the rules promulgated by the department only in the case of an individual bat colony after a determination that there exists an outbreak of rabies that threatens public health or another situation where the existence of a colony of bats threatens the health or welfare of any person. The pesticide review board may not base its determination on an isolated individual instance of a rabid bat.