



1997 SENATE BILL 20

January 15, 1997 - Introduced by Senator GROBSCHMIDT, by request of the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules. Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 94.69; *to amend* 93.01 (10); and *to create* 94.69 (2) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** the authority of the department of agriculture, trade and
3 consumer protection to prohibit the use of atrazine in a specified area in the
4 town of North Lancaster, Grant County.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law authorizes the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection (DATCP) to promulgate rules regulating the use of pesticides. This state's groundwater law requires a state agency to promulgate rules necessary to ensure that activities and practices regulated by the agency comply with the groundwater law and rules that specify the responses that the agency will take when a groundwater law enforcement standard is reached or exceeded because of an activity or practice regulated by the agency. Under this statutory authority, DATCP has promulgated rules prohibiting the use of the pesticide atrazine in specified areas of this state.

This bill provides that DATCP may not prohibit the use of atrazine in a specified area in the town of North Lancaster in Grant County.

This bill is introduced as required by s. 227.19 (5) (e), stats., in support of the objection of the assembly committee on agriculture on April 19, 1996, and the objection of the joint committee for review of administrative rules on May 15, 1996, to the issuance of a portion of clearinghouse rule 95-147 by DATCP. The portion of

