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**SENATE BILL 23-266**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF**  
102              **AGRICULTURE DESIGNATE NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES AS**  
103              **LIMITED-USE PESTICIDES.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill requires that, on or before January 1, 2024, the commissioner of agriculture adopt rules designating neonicotinoid pesticides as limited-use pesticides, limiting their use to licensed pesticide applicators, and authorizing only licensed dealers to sell them. The commissioner's rules must exempt certain products that contain

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neonicotinoid pesticides from the limited-use pesticide designation, including products intended for use:

- As pet care products;
- By licensed veterinarians;
- As indoor personal care products related to lice or bedbugs;
- As agricultural products;
- For academic research; and
- As wood coating products.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

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3       **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-9-103, **amend** the  
4 introductory portion; and **add** (9.5) as follows:

5       **35-9-103. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 9, unless  
6 the context otherwise requires:

7       (9.5) "NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDE" MEANS ANY PESTICIDE  
8 CONTAINING A CHEMICAL BELONGING TO THE NEONICOTINOID CLASS OF  
9 CHEMICALS, INCLUDING:

10       (a) ACETAMIPRID;

11       (b) CLOTHIANIDIN;

12       (c) DINOTEFURAN;

13       (d) IMIDACLOPRID;

14       (e) NITENPYRAM;

15       (f) NITHIAZINE;

16       (g) THIACTOPRID; OR

17       (h) THIAMETHOXAM.

18       **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-9-118, **add** (7) as  
19 follows:

20       **35-9-118. Powers and duties of the commissioner - exemptions**  
21 **= rules.** (7) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2024, THE COMMISSIONER

1 SHALL ADOPT RULES REQUIRING NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES TO BE  
2 DESIGNATED AS LIMITED-USE PESTICIDES.

3 (b) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT  
4 RULES REQUIRING NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES TO BE SOLD ONLY BY  
5 DEALERS LICENSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 35-9-114.

6 (c) SUBSECTIONS (7)(a) AND (7)(b) OF THIS SECTION, AND RULES  
7 THAT THE COMMISSIONER ADOPTS PURSUANT TO THOSE SUBSECTIONS, DO  
8 NOT APPLY TO PESTICIDE PRODUCTS CONTAINING NEONICOTINOID ACTIVE  
9 INGREDIENTS THAT:

10 (I) ARE USED IN ACADEMIC RESEARCH; OR

11 (II) FOR WHICH THE PRODUCT LABEL INCLUDES ONE OR MORE OF  
12 THE FOLLOWING INTENDED USES:

13 (A) AS A PET CARE PRODUCT;

14 (B) AS A VETERINARY PRODUCT USED BY A VETERINARIAN  
15 LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 315 OF TITLE 12 AS PART OF THE  
16 VETERINARIAN'S LICENSED PRACTICE;

17 (C) AS AN INDOOR PEST CONTROL PRODUCT;

18 (D) AS A PERSONAL CARE PRODUCT USED FOR PREVENTING,  
19 DESTROYING, REPELLING, OR MITIGATING LICE;

20 (E) AS A PRODUCT USED IN STRUCTURAL INSULATION;

21 (F) AS A PRESERVED WOOD PRODUCT OR PRODUCT USED IN THE  
22 MANUFACTURING OF WOOD PRESERVATIVES;

23 (G) AS A BAIT PRODUCT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BAIT  
24 STATION TRAPS AND SCATTER BAIT; OR

25 (H) AS AN INSECT STRIP.

26 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
27 **applicability. (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following**

1 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
2 general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant  
3 to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an  
4 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,  
5 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the  
6 general election to be held in November 2024 and, in such case, will take  
7 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the  
8 governor.

9 (2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable  
10 effective date of this act.