



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5219

LCO No. 1124



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING STANDARDS FOR THE SPRAYING OF
HERBICIDES ALONG RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (j) of section 22a-66a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2024*):

4 (j) (1) Any railroad company that makes any pesticide application to
5 any rights-of-way shall, not later than twenty-one days prior to such
6 pesticide application, provide notice of such pesticide application to the
7 Department of Transportation and the chief elected official or board of
8 selectmen of each municipality in which such application will be made.
9 Not later than February first of each year, each railroad company that
10 makes any pesticide application to any rights-of-way shall file a
11 vegetation management plan with the Department of Transportation
12 and each municipality in which such pesticide application will be made
13 that identifies target vegetation and management methods for the
14 forthcoming calendar year. Not later than thirty days after receipt of any
15 such vegetation management plan each such municipality shall post

16 such vegetation management plan on such municipality's Internet web
17 site, if such web site is available.

18 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
19 subsection, each vegetation management plan described in subdivision
20 (1) of this subsection shall be consistent with the requirements for such
21 a vegetation management plan in the state of Massachusetts, including,
22 but not limited to, any attendant regulations applicable to such a
23 vegetation management plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	22a-66a(j)

Statement of Purpose:

To require railroad company vegetation management plans to be consistent with the requirements for such plans in the state of Massachusetts.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]