



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 116**

**Public Act No. 22-83**

**AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS NEAR LAKES AND PONDS.**

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

Section 1. Subsection (h) of section 22a-66a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

(h) (1) Any pesticide application business or department, agency or institution of the state or municipality prior to making a pesticide application in any lake or pond with any public access owned by the state or municipality shall cause to be published notice of the application in a newspaper of general circulation in each municipality in which the lake or pond is located and shall post a sign notifying the public of the application at each place of public access. Such sign shall comply with regulations adopted by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.

(2) Any pesticide application business prior to making a pesticide application on any private lake or pond with more than one owner of shoreline property shall [cause to be published notice of such application in a newspaper of general circulation in each municipality in which the lake or pond is located.] provide notice of the date of the

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application to any owner or tenant of such shoreline property that abuts the lake or pond to be treated. In determining whether a property abuts a lake or pond, any setback shall not be considered, provided the owner of such setback shall additionally be provided with any such notice. A pesticide application business shall make not less than two attempts to notify any such owner or tenant, provided the second such attempt shall occur twenty-four hours or more after the first attempt. Such attempts shall be made as early as practicable but not less than twenty-four hours before the application. Notice shall be made by telephone, mail, personal notification or by leaving a conspicuous notice on an entry door of the home located on such abutting property. If attempts at notification by the applicator fail, an emergency application is necessary or best management practices of integrated pest management, as defined in section 22-11a, recommend an immediate pesticide application to reduce the amount of pesticides that would otherwise be necessary, the applicator shall attempt to notify each such owner or tenant in person immediately prior to the application. Any person who provides notice of an aircraft application of a pesticide pursuant to regulations adopted under section 22a-66 shall not be required to provide notice under this subdivision.

(3) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall provide any public official who makes inquiry concerning any application scheduled or made pursuant to this section with any and all information known to the department concerning such scheduled or made application.