

SB0198/613029/1

BY: Senator Middleton

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 198, AS AMENDED

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senator Hough's Amendments (SB0198/973420/1), in line 1 of Amendment No. 1, strike "establishing" and substitute "prohibiting the Department of Agriculture from limiting the use of certain pesticides in a certain manner; requiring the Department to incorporate certain practices into a certain pollinator protection plan; requiring the Department to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly within a certain period of time after the publication of a certain pollinator risk assessment; establishing"; and in lines 2 and 3, strike "5-2A-03" and substitute "5-2A-05".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Senator Hough's Amendments, after line 2 of Amendment No. 2, insert:

"THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCORPORATE POLLINATOR HABITAT EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT PRACTICES INTO THE STATE'S MANAGED POLLINATOR PROTECTION PLAN DEVELOPED IN COORDINATION WITH THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

5-2A-04.

(A) ON COMPLETION OF THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S POLLINATOR RISK ASSESSMENT OF THE NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES IMIDACLOPRID, CLOTHIANDIN, THIAMETHOXAM, AND DINOTEFURAN, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW THE STATE'S PESTICIDE LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ANY CHANGES NECESSARY TO ENSURE STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS.

(Over)

**(B) WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S COMPLETED POLLINATOR RISK ASSESSMENT OF NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

**5-2A-05."**