

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2292

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROWLAND.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 281, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to neonicotinoids, with a penalty provision.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 281, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 281.143, to read as follows:

**281.143. 1. (1) Any term defined in section 281.020 or 281.220 shall have the same meaning if such term is used in this section.**

**(2) As used in this section, "neonicotinoid pesticide" means any:**

**(a) Pesticide containing any chemical belonging to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals; or**

**(b) Insecticide belonging to the neonicotinoid class of pesticides as determined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.**

**2. Beginning on January 1, 2021, no person shall:**

**(1) Sell or offer for sale at retail any neonicotinoid pesticide in this state unless the person also sells a restricted use pesticide; or**

**(2) Use a neonicotinoid pesticide unless the person is:**

**(a) An applicator, operator, or technician;**

**(b) A farmer, or a person under the supervision of a farmer, who uses the pesticide for agricultural purposes including but not limited to crop production, livestock, poultry, equine, and noncrop agricultural fields; or**

**(c) A veterinarian.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17           **3. The department shall develop a statewide managed pollinator protection plan**  
18 **in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency and shall incorporate pollinator**  
19 **habitat expansion and enhancement practices into such plan.**

20           **4. (1) On completion of the Environmental Protection Agency's pollinator risk**  
21 **assessment of any neonicotinoid pesticide, the department shall review the state's pesticide**  
22 **laws and regulations and make recommendations for any changes necessary to ensure state**  
23 **laws and regulations are protective of pollinators, taking into account the Environmental**  
24 **Protection Agency's recommendations.**

25           **(2) Within six months of the Environmental Protection Agency's completed**  
26 **pollinator risk assessment of neonicotinoid pesticides, the department shall report its**  
27 **findings and recommendations to the governor and the general assembly.**

28           **5. This section shall not apply to any existing stock of any neonicotinoid pesticide**  
29 **in any person's possession or purchased on or before December 31, 2020.**

30           **6. A violation of this section is a class A misdemeanor.**

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