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H.453

Introduced by Representative Burditt of West Rutland

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Agriculture; pesticides; atrazine; prohibition

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the use, sale, or application of the herbicide atrazine beginning January 1, 2024.

An act relating to prohibiting the use, sale, or application of the herbicide atrazine

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 6 V.S.A. § 1114 is added to read:

§ 1114. USE, SALE, OR APPLICATION OF ATRAZINE

(a) Definition. As used in this section, “atrazine” means herbicide of the triazine class with the chemical name C₈H₁₄CINP and the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number of 1912-24-9.

(b) Prohibition. No person shall sell, use, or apply atrazine except when authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets under subsection (c) of this section.

(c) Authorized use. The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets may authorize the use or application of atrazine upon a determination under

1 section 1033 of this title that a plant pest exists that requires suppression or
2 eradication due to the threat posed to Vermont crops and no other herbicide or
3 class of herbicides would be effective in addressing the threat.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2024.