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**SENATE BILL 23-192**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE "PESTICIDE APPLICATORS'**  
102            **ACT", AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING**  
103            **RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE 2022 SUNSET REPORT**  
104            **BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES REGARDING**  
105            **THE ACT.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Sunset Process - Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.** The bill implements some of the recommendations of the

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department of regulatory agencies, as contained in the department's sunset review of the "Pesticide Applicators' Act" (act), as follows:

- **Sections 1 and 2** of the bill continue the act for 11 years, until September 1, 2034;
- **Section 3** updates the statutory definition of "use" to align with the federal definition adopted by the federal environmental protection agency;
- **Section 4** increases the maximum civil penalty for a violation of the act from \$1,000 to \$2,500 for the first violation, which results in the possibility of a maximum civil penalty of \$5,000 for a second violation;
- **Section 5** requires that money collected for civil penalties imposed under the act be transferred to the general fund;
- **Section 6** requires the commissioner of agriculture (commissioner) to publish and periodically update information on the department of agriculture's website about pesticide applicators' licensing and registration;
- **Section 7** requires the commissioner to establish an online complaint process;
- **Section 8** limits the number of terms that members of the advisory committee may serve to 2 terms, but allows a member representing the Colorado state university agricultural experiment station or extension service (CSU) or the Colorado department of public health and environment (CDPHE) to serve on the advisory committee for unlimited terms during the duration of the member's employment with CSU or CDPHE; and
- **Sections 9 to 11** place language in statutes governing local governments that mirrors the language in the act requiring a local government that adopts an ordinance or resolution about pesticides to submit information to the commissioner about the ordinance or resolution.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**  
3 (24)(a)(I); and **add** (35)(a)(V) as follows:

4 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
5 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
6 **declaration - repeal.** (24) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,  
7 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2023:

1           (I) ~~The regulation by the commissioner of agriculture of the~~  
2 ~~application of pesticides in accordance with article 10 of title 35, C.R.S.;~~

3           (35) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled  
4 for repeal on September 1, 2034:

5           (V) THE REGULATION OF THE APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES BY THE  
6 COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 10 OF  
7 TITLE 35.

8           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 35-10-128 as  
9 follows:

10           **35-10-128. Repeal of article - review of functions.** Effective  
11 ~~September 1, 2023~~, This article 10 is repealed, ~~Prior to~~ EFFECTIVE  
12 SEPTEMBER 1, 2034. BEFORE the repeal, THIS ARTICLE 10 IS SCHEDULED  
13 FOR REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104. AS PART OF ITS  
14 REVIEW, the department of regulatory agencies shall ~~review the regulation~~  
15 ~~by the commissioner of the application of pesticides pursuant to this~~  
16 ~~article 10 as provided for in section 24-34-104, C.R.S., and shall report~~  
17 on the extent of local regulation of pesticides pursuant to section  
18 31-15-707 (1)(b) ~~C.R.S.~~, or under the police power of any political  
19 subdivision of the state.

20           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-10-103, **amend**  
21 the introductory portion and (18) as follows:

22           **35-10-103. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 10, unless  
23 the context otherwise requires:

24           (18) "Use" means: ~~all aspects of the handling of pesticides,~~  
25 ~~including but not limited to the mixing, loading, application or~~  
26 ~~administration, spill control, and disposal of a pesticide or its container.~~

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- (a) PRE-APPLICATION ACTIVITIES INVOLVING MIXING AND LOADING A PESTICIDE;
- (b) APPLYING THE PESTICIDE, INCLUDING SUPERVISING THE USE OF A PESTICIDE BY A NONCERTIFIED APPLICATOR; AND
- (c) OTHER PESTICIDE-RELATED ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING:
  - (I) TRANSPORTING OR STORING PESTICIDE CONTAINERS THAT HAVE BEEN OPENED;
  - (II) CLEANING EQUIPMENT; AND
  - (III) DISPOSING OF EXCESS PESTICIDES, SPRAY MIX, EQUIPMENT WASH WATER, PESTICIDE CONTAINERS, AND OTHER PESTICIDE-CONTAINING MATERIALS.

**SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-10-112, **amend** (1)(a) and (1)(c)(I)(A); and add (1)(c)(III) and (1)(f) as follows:

**35-10-112. Notification requirements - registry of pesticide-sensitive persons - preemption - rules.** (1) (a) (I) The commissioner shall promulgate rules for the establishment of a registry of pesticide-sensitive persons to be maintained by the department. Pesticide-sensitive persons may apply to be placed on the registry if they can provide proof of medical justification by a physician licensed in Colorado in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. TO REMAIN ON THE REGISTRY, A PESTICIDE-SENSITIVE PERSON MUST UPDATE the PERSON'S proof of medical justification ~~shall be updated~~ every two years. The DEPARTMENT SHALL UPDATE THE registry ~~shall be updated~~ at least annually, and MAKE the published registry ~~shall be made~~ readily accessible, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, to all commercial, registered limited commercial, and registered public

1 applicators on record with the commissioner.

2 (II) IN APPLYING TO BE PLACED ON THE REGISTRY, A  
3 PESTICIDE-SENSITIVE PERSON MAY LIST A PRINCIPAL:

4 (A) RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS;

5 (B) EMPLOYMENT ADDRESS; AND

6 (C) SCHOOL ADDRESS.

7 (c) (I) A commercial, registered limited commercial, or registered  
8 public applicator, prior to applying a pesticide in any turf or ornamental  
9 category, shall take reasonable actions to give notice of the date and  
10 approximate time of any such pesticide application, prior to the  
11 application, to any pesticide-sensitive person whose name is on the  
12 published registry and:

13 (A) Who ~~resides on~~ HAS LISTED the property to be treated AS THE  
14 PERSON'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENTIAL, EMPLOYMENT, OR SCHOOL ADDRESS  
15 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION;

16 (III) IN NOTIFYING A PESTICIDE-SENSITIVE PERSON PURSUANT TO  
17 THIS SECTION, A COMMERCIAL, REGISTERED LIMITED COMMERCIAL, OR  
18 REGISTERED PUBLIC APPLICATOR MAY PROVIDE THE NOTICE  
19 ELECTRONICALLY.

20 (f) (I) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
21 DEVELOP A SEARCHABLE DATABASE OF ALL PROPERTIES THAT ABUT, OR  
22 ARE ENTIRELY LOCATED WITHIN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FEET OF, ANY  
23 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LISTED IN THE REGISTRY OF PESTICIDE-SENSITIVE  
24 PERSONS. IF A PROPERTY IS ONLY PARTIALLY LOCATED WITHIN TWO  
25 HUNDRED FIFTY FEET OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LISTED IN THE  
26 REGISTRY, AND DOES NOT ABUT THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, THE  
27 DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT INCLUDE THE PROPERTY IN THE SEARCHABLE

1 DATABASE.

2 (II) WHEN DEVELOPING THE SEARCHABLE DATABASE PURSUANT  
3 TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(f), THE DEPARTMENT MUST:

4 (A) THROUGH THE COMMISSIONER, ADOPT RULES REQUIRING A  
5 COMMERCIAL, REGISTERED LIMITED COMMERCIAL, OR REGISTERED PUBLIC  
6 APPLICATOR TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO A PESTICIDE-SENSITIVE PERSON IF THE  
7 COMMERCIAL, REGISTERED LIMITED COMMERCIAL, OR REGISTERED PUBLIC  
8 APPLICATOR TREATS A PROPERTY THAT IS LISTED IN THE SEARCHABLE  
9 DATABASE AS ABUTTING, OR BEING ENTIRELY LOCATED WITHIN TWO  
10 HUNDRED FIFTY FEET OF, THE PESTICIDE SENSITIVE PERSON'S LISTED  
11 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. A COMMERCIAL, REGISTERED LIMITED  
12 COMMERCIAL, OR REGISTERED PUBLIC APPLICATOR IS NOT REQUIRED TO  
13 PROVIDE NOTICE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(f)(II)(A) UNLESS AND  
14 UNTIL THE COMMISSIONER ADOPTS RULES PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION  
15 (1)(f)(II)(A).

16 (B) PERIODICALLY UPDATE THE SEARCHABLE DATABASE AS  
17 NEEDED; AND

18 (C) PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE SEARCHABLE DATABASE TO ALL  
19 COMMERCIAL, REGISTERED LIMITED COMMERCIAL, AND REGISTERED  
20 PUBLIC APPLICATORS.

21 (III) IT IS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO AN ALLEGATION THAT A  
22 COMMERCIAL, REGISTERED LIMITED COMMERCIAL, OR REGISTERED PUBLIC  
23 APPLICATOR VIOLATED RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
24 (1)(f)(II)(A) OF THIS SECTION IF A FAILURE TO NOTIFY A  
25 PESTICIDE-SENSITIVE PERSON OF THE TREATMENT OF A PROPERTY THAT  
26 ABUTS, OR IS LOCATED ENTIRELY WITHIN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FEET OF,  
27 THE PESTICIDE-SENSITIVE PERSON'S LISTED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

1 RESULTED FROM THE FACT THAT THE TREATED PROPERTY WAS NOT LISTED  
2 IN THE SEARCHABLE DATABASE AT THE TIME OF THE TREATMENT.

3 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-10-122, **amend**  
4 (1) as follows:

5 **35-10-122. Civil penalties.** (1) Any person who violates ~~any~~  
6 ~~provision of this article or any rule or regulation~~ THIS ARTICLE 10 OR ANY  
7 RULE adopted pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 10 is subject to a civil  
8 penalty, as determined by the commissioner or a court of competent  
9 jurisdiction. The maximum penalty ~~shall not exceed one~~ IS TWO thousand  
10 FIVE HUNDRED dollars per violation; except that ~~such~~ THE penalty may be  
11 doubled if it is determined, after notice and an opportunity for hearing,  
12 that the person has violated the provision OR rule ~~or regulation~~ for the  
13 second time.

14 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 35-10-126 as  
15 follows:

16 **35-10-126. Transfer of money to plant health, pest control,**  
17 **and environmental protection cash fund - fees.** (1) All fees ~~and civil~~  
18 ~~fees~~ collected pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 10 shall be transmitted to  
19 the state treasurer, who shall credit the ~~same~~ MONEY to the plant health,  
20 pest control, and environmental protection cash fund created in section  
21 35-1-106.3.

22 (2) ALL CIVIL PENALTIES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
23 35-10-122 SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL  
24 CREDIT THE MONEY TO THE GENERAL FUND.

25 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-10-124, **add** (3)  
26 as follows:

27 **35-10-124. Information - use and handling of pesticides -**

1 **enforcement action - credentialing information - definition.**

2 (3) (a) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL:

3 (I) PUBLISH AND PERIODICALLY UPDATE INFORMATION ON THE  
4 DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE INFORMING CONSUMERS ABOUT WHICH PESTICIDE  
5 APPLICATORS ARE CREDENTIALLED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE 10;  
6 AND

7 (II) PROVIDE THE CREDENTIALING INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN  
8 SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION IN A MANNER THAT MEMBERS OF  
9 THE PUBLIC MAY EASILY ACCESS AND SEARCH ON THE WEBSITE.

10 (b) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3), "CREDENTIALLED" MEANS  
11 HAVING A VALID LICENSE OR REGISTRATION ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS  
12 ARTICLE 10.

13 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-10-118, **add** (9.7)  
14 as follows:

15 **35-10-118. Powers and duties of the commissioner.**

16 (9.7) (a) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL:

17 (I) DEVELOP AN ONLINE COMPLAINT PROCESS ON THE  
18 DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE THAT ALLOWS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO FILL  
19 OUT AND SUBMIT A COMPLAINT FORM ONLINE; AND

20 (II) PROVIDE THE COMPLAINT FORM IN A MANNER THAT IS:

21 (A) EASILY ACCESSIBLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE;

22 (B) USER-FRIENDLY;

23 (C) PRINTABLE; AND

24 (D) ACCOMPANIED BY EASY-TO-FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.

25 (b) THE COMPLAINT FORM OR THE INSTRUCTIONS ACCOMPANYING  
26 THE COMPLAINT FORM MUST INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT'S MAILING  
27 ADDRESS SO THAT A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY CHOOSE TO PRINT AND



1 SUBMIT THE COMPLAINT FORM BY MAIL INSTEAD OF ELECTRONICALLY.

2 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-10-125, **amend**  
3 (4) as follows:

4 **35-10-125. Advisory committee.** (4) ~~The appointment of the~~  
5 ~~formulator, the commercial applicator engaged in the control of~~  
6 ~~agricultural crop pests, and one of the representatives from a registered~~  
7 ~~public applicator shall expire on January 1, 1991; and the appointment of~~  
8 ~~the commercial applicator engaged in the control of turf or ornamental~~  
9 ~~pests, the representative from the general public who is actively engaged~~  
10 ~~in agricultural production, the qualified supervisor employed by a~~  
11 ~~registered limited commercial applicator, and the representative from the~~  
12 ~~department of health shall expire on January 1, 1992. The initial~~  
13 ~~appointment of all other members shall be for a term of three years.~~  
14 ~~Thereafter, the appointment of~~ Each member ~~to~~ OF the committee ~~shall be~~  
15 ~~for~~ SERVES a term of three years AND MAY SERVE A MAXIMUM OF TWO  
16 CONSECUTIVE TERMS ON THE COMMITTEE; EXCEPT THAT A COMMITTEE  
17 MEMBER APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(g) OR (2)(h) OF THIS  
18 SECTION MAY SERVE UNLIMITED TERMS FOR THE DURATION OF THE  
19 COMMITTEE MEMBER'S EMPLOYMENT BY THE AGENCY THAT THE  
20 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPRESENTS.

21 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 29-20-110 as  
22 follows:

23 **29-20-110. Local government regulation of pesticide use -**  
24 **definitions.** (1) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT ADOPTS AN ORDINANCE  
25 THAT CONCERNS PESTICIDES, INCLUDING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED  
26 PURSUANT TO SECTION 31-15-707 (1)(b), SHALL FILE THE FOLLOWING  
27 WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION

1 35-10-112.5 (4):

2 (a) A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE ORDINANCE \_\_\_ ; AND

3 (b) A MAP OR LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT  
4 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO REGULATE UNDER THE ORDINANCE  
5 \_\_\_ .

6 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
7 REQUIRES:

8 (a) "COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE" MEANS THE COMMISSIONER  
9 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
10 35-1-107 (1) OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE.

11 (b) "PESTICIDE" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
12 35-10-103 (10).

13 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 30-11-131 as  
14 follows:

15 **30-11-131. Regulation of pesticide use - definitions.** (1) A  
16 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT ADOPTS AN ORDINANCE THAT  
17 CONCERNS PESTICIDES SHALL FILE THE FOLLOWING WITH THE  
18 COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
19 35-10-112.5 (4):

20 (a) A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE ORDINANCE \_\_\_ ; AND

21 (b) A MAP OR LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT  
22 THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INTENDS TO REGULATE UNDER  
23 THE ORDINANCE \_\_\_ .

24 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
25 REQUIRES:

26 (a) "COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE" MEANS THE COMMISSIONER  
27 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SECTION

1 35-1-107 (1) OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE.

2 (b) "PESTICIDE" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
3 35-10-103 (10).

4 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 31-15-905 as  
5 follows:

6 **31-15-905. Regulation of pesticide use - definitions.** (1) THE  
7 GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY THAT ADOPTS AN ORDINANCE THAT  
8 CONCERNS PESTICIDES, INCLUDING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
9 SECTION 31-15-707 (1)(b), SHALL FILE THE FOLLOWING WITH THE  
10 COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
11 35-10-112.5 (4):

12 (a) A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE ORDINANCE \_\_\_ ; AND

13 (b) A MAP OR LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT  
14 THE GOVERNING BODY INTENDS TO REGULATE UNDER THE ORDINANCE \_\_\_  
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16 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
17 REQUIRES:

18 (a) "COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE" MEANS THE COMMISSIONER  
19 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
20 35-1-107 (1) OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE.

21 (b) "PESTICIDE" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
22 35-10-103 (10).

23 **SECTION 13. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
24 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
25 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
26 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
27 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this

1 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
2 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
3 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
4 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.