



## SB23-192: Sunset Pesticide Applicators Act

*Senators Priola & Roberts / Representatives Kipp & McLachlan*

### **Background:**

The Pesticide Applicators' Act aims to promote the safe and responsible use of pesticides in order to protect public health, the environment, and the state's agricultural industry. The law requires that anyone who applies pesticides for hire or for their employer must be licensed by the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) and follow certain guidelines and safety standards - including completing ongoing training and record keeping. This Act also gives CDA the authority to inspect pesticide application sites and revoke licenses or take other action against violators of the Act.



### **Legislation:**

This bill extends the Pesticide Applicators Act for 11 years, to 2034. It also implements the following recommendations identified in the sunset report:

- Update the definition of “use” of pesticides to align with changes in federal law
- Increases the maximum civil penalty for a violation of the act from \$1,000 to \$2,500 for the first violation & requires that money collected for civil penalties imposed under the act be transferred to the general fund
- Requires CDA to publish and periodically update information on the department's website about pesticide applicators' licensing and registration & establish an online complaint process
- Limits members of the advisory committee to 2 terms
- Requires local governments that adopt an ordinance about pesticides to submit information to the commissioner
- **Amends rules regarding the registry of Pesticide Sensitive Persons:**
  - Clarifies that individuals can only remain on the registry if their proof of medical justification is updated *every two years*
  - Requires pesticide applicators to notify individuals on registry of application within 250 feet of their residential property
  - Allows Pesticide Sensitive persons to ask for notification of application for a primary residential address *as well as* a primary employment and school address

### **Supporters:**

Boulder County • Colorado Farm Bureau • Colorado Pest Control Association • Colorado Sugarbeet Growers Association • Croplife America • Colorado Agricultural Aviation Association • Colorado Chamber of Commerce • Colorado Corn Growers Association • Colorado Weed Management Association • National Association Of Landscape Professionals (NALP) • Rocky Mountain Agribusiness Association • Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association • Western Sugar Cooperative