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AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CHLORPYRIFOS ON GOLF COURSES AND NEONICOTINOIDS FOR NONAGRICULTURAL USE.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 5101)

Senate Calendar No.: 82

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Cost	170,028	163,731
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	68,912	66,360

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill prohibits using or applying chlorpyrifos (1) on golf courses or (2) for cosmetic or nonagricultural uses. Also, it allows the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) commissioner to assess a civil penalty of up to \$2,500 to violators of the ban.

The bill expands the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) enforcement authority to both bans. This would result in costs of \$170,028 in FY 23 and \$163,731 in FY 24, plus fringe

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.53% of payroll in FY 23.

benefits, associated with hiring two new Environmental Analyst 2 positions and one Office Assistant to enforce the new pesticide ban as there is currently insufficient staff expertise within DEEP for this purpose.

These costs may be offset by revenue collected by fines from violations of the bill's provisions.

It should also be noted that a ban on the use of neonicotinoids, currently used to treat certain invasive insects on trees may result in significant costs in the out years associated with tree restoration on state lands.

Senate "A" (1) replaces the underlying bill's general ban on using pesticides with neonicotinoids with the neonicotinoid working group; (2) establishes a civil penalty for a chlorpyrifos ban violation,; and (3) delays the chlorpyrifos ban by three months, resulting in the fiscal impacts described above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing costs identified above would continue into the out years subject to inflation.

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