



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 962

January Session, 2023



AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CERTAIN RODENTICIDES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-50 of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (m) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (m) Not later than January 1, 2024, the commissioner shall
4 classify all second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides for restricted
5 use pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section. For the
6 purposes of this subsection, "second-generation anticoagulant
7 rodenticide" means any pesticide product containing any one of the
8 following active ingredients: (1) Brodifacoum; (2) bromadiolone; (3)
9 difenacoum; or (4) difethialone.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) No person shall engage
11 in the sale or distribution in this state of any second-generation
12 anticoagulant rodenticide, as defined in section 22a-50 of the general
13 statutes, as amended by this act. For purposes of this subsection,
14 "engage in the sale or distribution in this state" includes, but is not
15 limited to, the use of the Internet to perform such sale or distribution.

16 (b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
17 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of
18 the general statutes, to ensure that the continued use of second-
19 generation anticoagulant rodenticides, in accordance with the

20 provisions of section 22a-50 of the general statutes, as amended by this
 21 act, is not reasonably expected to result in significant adverse effects to
 22 nontarget wildlife. Any such regulations shall include, but are not
 23 limited to, provisions for the use of such rodenticides if the eradication
 24 of invasive rodent populations is necessary for the protection of
 25 threatened or endangered species or the habitats of such species.

26 (c) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Energy and
 27 Environmental Protection shall submit a report, in accordance with the
 28 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
 29 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 30 relating to the environment on the potential implications of the
 31 application of existing statutory and regulatory restrictions and
 32 licensing requirements for the use of second-generation anticoagulant
 33 rodenticides. Such report shall include, but is not limited to, an
 34 analysis of the consistency of applying such restrictions and
 35 requirements with federal law and any potential effects, including, but
 36 not limited to, improved raptor health and expenses and delays that
 37 such changes may have on public health and agriculture in the state
 38 and requisite administrative resources for overseeing such restrictions.

39 (d) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this
 40 section shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than five
 41 thousand dollars by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
 42 Protection for each such violation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-50(m)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1, "as" was changed to "for" for consistency.

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*