



General Assembly

January Session, 2023

**Raised Bill No. 963**

LCO No. 3379



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING NEONICOTINOIDS FOR NON-  
AGRICULTURAL USE.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (l) of section 22a-50 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3 *1, 2023*):

4 (l) (1) Not later than January 1, 2018, the commissioner shall classify  
5 all neonicotinoids, as defined in section 22-61k, that are labeled for  
6 treating plants, as restricted use pursuant to subdivision (2) of  
7 subsection (c) of this section.

8 (2) On and after January 1, 2024, no person shall sell, possess or use  
9 any pesticide that contains any neonicotinoid, as defined in section 22-  
10 61k, except for such use on an agricultural plant. The Commissioner of  
11 Energy and Environmental Protection may assess a civil penalty of not  
12 more than two thousand five hundred dollars to any person who  
13 violates the provisions of this subdivision. The provisions of this  
14 subdivision shall not apply to any pet care, veterinary, personal care or  
15 indoor pest control pesticide product. For purposes of this subdivision,

16 "agricultural plant" means any plant, or part of any plant, that is grown,  
 17 maintained or otherwise produced for commercial purposes, including,  
 18 but not limited to, any plant grown, maintained or otherwise produced  
 19 for sale or trade, for research or experimental purposes or for use, in part  
 20 or in whole, in another location such as any grain, fruit, vegetable, wood  
 21 fiber or timber product, flowering or foliage plant or tree, seedling,  
 22 transplant or turf grass produced for sod. "Agricultural plant" does not  
 23 include any pasture or rangeland used for grazing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2023	22a-50(1)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To prohibit the nonagricultural use of neonicotinoids.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*