

HB 1431-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1431-FN***

AN ACT restricting the use of neonicotinoid pesticides.

SPONSORS: Rep. J. MacDonald, Carr. 6; Rep. Crawford, Carr. 3; Rep. Damon, Sull. 8; Rep. Maggiore, Rock. 23; Rep. Peternel, Carr. 6; Rep. Rung, Hills. 12

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

ANALYSIS

This bill restricts the use of neonicotinoid pesticides and requires the department of agriculture, markets, and food to create an educational program about the use of such pesticides and alternatives.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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1 I. Inform the public about the impacts of neonicotinoid pesticides on birds, bees, beneficial
2 insects and pollinators;

3 II. Provide guidance on pollinator-friendly alternatives to neonicotinoid pesticides;

4 III. Promote integrated pest management practices that protect pollinators; and

5 IV. Support the establishment of pollinator habitat on private and public lands.

6 430:63 Penalties.

7 I. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this subdivision shall be guilty of a
8 misdemeanor if a natural person, or guilty of a felony if any other person.

9 II. Any person who violates any provision of this subdivision shall, in addition, be liable for a
10 civil forfeiture not to exceed \$5,000 for each such violation, or each day of a continuing violation,
11 which may be collected in a civil action or in connection with an action for injunctive relief brought
12 by the attorney general. The proceeds of any such forfeiture shall be utilized in the enforcement of
13 this subdivision, for pesticide control research, or to remedy damage to the resources of the state
14 caused by unlawful pesticide use and application.

15 III. Any person who violates any provision of this subdivision may be subject to the
16 imposition of an administrative fine levied by the division, not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation.

17 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

**HB 1431-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund</i>	None			
Expenditures*	Indeterminable			
<i>Funding Source</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source</i>	None			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	Indeterminable			
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	Indeterminable			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association