

HB 2441 -- PESTICIDES

SPONSOR: Lavender

Beginning January 1, 2021, this bill prohibits anyone from applying any glyphosate or neonicotinoid pesticide by using any type of ground, water, or aerial equipment using motorized, mechanical or pressurized power to apply the pesticide on land or anything that might be on the land. This restriction does not apply to any existing stock of the pesticides in a person's possession on December 31, 2020.

The bill authorizes the Department of Agriculture, if it determines that any individual has knowingly applied a pesticide in violation of the section, to assess a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per violation. If an individual is a chronic violator, the department has the authority to assess a civil penalty of up to \$25,0000 per violation.

Any individual who is penalized will be liable to the department for any reasonable costs associated with the department's investigation. Any penalty collected will be remitted to the school district in which the violation occurred. The department, after inquiry and opportunity for a hearing, may deny, suspend, revoke, or modify the provisions of any license, permit, or certification issued under the Missouri Pesticides Use Act.