

HOUSE BILL NO. 1020

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BURTON.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 281, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to application of glyphosates and neonicotinoids, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 281, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 281.145, to read as follows:

281.145. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Department", the department of agriculture;

(2) "Equipment", the same definition as in section 281.020;

(3) "Neonicotinoid pesticide", any:

(a) Pesticide containing any chemical belonging to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals; or

(b) Insecticide belonging to the neonicotinoid class of pesticides as determined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

2. (1) Beginning January 1, 2026, no person shall, using equipment, apply any glyphosate or neonicotinoid pesticide in this state.

(2) This section shall not apply to any existing stock of any neonicotinoid pesticide in any person's possession or purchased before January 1, 2026.

3. If the department determines, after inquiry and opportunity for a hearing, that any person has knowingly applied any glyphosate or neonicotinoid pesticide using equipment, the department may assess a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars for each violation. If a person has violated subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of this section in two consecutive years or in two of the last three years, such person shall be

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **considered a chronic violator, and the department may assess a civil penalty of not more**
19 **than twenty-five thousand dollars for each violation.**

20 **4. Any person who is penalized under the provisions of this section shall be liable**
21 **for any reasonable costs associated with the department's investigation and shall remit**
22 **such costs to the department, not to exceed the department's actual investigative**
23 **expenses.**

24 **5. Any penalty collected under this section shall be remitted to the school district**
25 **in which the violation occurred. If a person penalized under this section fails to pay the**
26 **penalty, the department may apply to the circuit court of Cole County for, and the court**
27 **may enter, an order enforcing the assessed penalty.**

28 **6. The department may, after inquiry and opportunity for a hearing, deny,**
29 **suspend, revoke, or modify the provisions of any license, permit, or certification issued**
30 **under sections 281.010 to 281.115 if the department finds that the applicant or holder of**
31 **such license, permit, or certification has violated any provision of this section or any**
32 **regulation issued under this section.**

33 **7. The department may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this**
34 **section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is**
35 **created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it**
36 **complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**
37 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers**
38 **vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the**
39 **effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,**
40 **then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August**
41 **28, 2025, shall be invalid and void.**

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