

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2844

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLICK.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 281, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to certain herbicides, with penalty provisions.

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*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  
2 known as section 281.130, to read as follows:

**281.130. 1. This section shall be known as and may be cited as the "Paraquat  
2 Ban and Environmental Research Act of 2026".**

**3 2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

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

**5 (2) "Paraquat", any herbicide product containing paraquat dichloride or any  
6 other chemical form of paraquat;**

**7 (3) "Person", any individual, firm, entity, partnership, exchange, association,  
8 trustee, receiver, corporation or any other business organization, and any member,  
9 officer, or employee thereof;**

**10 (4) "Use", the application, distribution, sale, or handling of paraquat within this  
11 state.**

**12 3. (1) Beginning January 1, 2027, except as provided under subdivision (2) of  
13 this subsection, the use of paraquat is prohibited in this state.**

**14 (2) The department of agriculture, in consultation with the department of  
15 natural resources, may, by rule, allow the limited use of paraquat for research purposes  
16 only when such research is conducted under strict safety and reporting protocols  
17 established by the department of agriculture.**

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           **4. (1) Before January 1, 2027, all persons that currently use, distribute, or sell**  
19 **paraquat in this state shall submit a detailed report or reports to the department**  
20 **including, but not limited to, the:**

21           **(a) Quantity of paraquat used, sold, or distributed in the preceding year;**

22           **(b) Geographic areas where paraquat is used;**

23           **(c) Types of crops or applications for which paraquat is used; and**

24           **(d) Any other information that the department shall require by rule or**  
25 **regulation.**

26           **(2) The department shall compile and publish these reports, including the**  
27 **publication of a statewide paraquat use report, including usage by county and by type of**  
28 **crop, on the department's internet website that is accessible to the public and the**  
29 **legislature. The department shall publish such reports within a reasonable time but no**  
30 **later than March 31, 2027, and every year thereafter.**

31           **5. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection 3 of this section shall be**  
32 **subject to a fine or penalty in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars for the first**  
33 **violation and no more than five hundred dollars for each subsequent violation. The**  
34 **department shall determine the method and procedure for collecting the fines for any**  
35 **violation or violations committed by a person including, but not limited to, any**  
36 **enforcement action that is warranted against the person. The department may**  
37 **coordinate with the attorney general's office as needed to enforce the provisions of**  
38 **subsection 3 of this section.**

39           **6. The department shall promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the**  
40 **administration of this section including, but not limited to, fines and penalties. Any rule**  
41 **or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the**  
42 **authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is**  
43 **subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This**  
44 **section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the**  
45 **general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to**  
46 **disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of**  
47 **rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2026, shall be**  
48 **invalid and void.**

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