

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Agriculture to which was referred Senate Bill No. 180
3 entitled “An act relating to prohibiting the use and application of the pesticide
4 chlorpyrifos” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 6 V.S.A. § 1114 is added to read:

8 § 1114. USE OF CHLORPYRIFOS

9 (a) Definition. As used in this section, “chlorpyrifos” means a pesticide
10 with the chemical name O,O-diethyl O-(3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinyl)-
11 phosphorothioate and the Chemical Abstract Service registry number
12 2921-88-2.

13 (b) Prohibition. The use and application of chlorpyrifos is prohibited in the
14 State as follows:

15 (1) Beginning on July 1, 2020, no person shall aerially apply
16 chlorpyrifos in the State.

17 (2) Beginning on January 1, 2021, no person shall apply chlorpyrifos in
18 the State except for application to the trunks of apple trees.

19 (3) Beginning on January 1, 2022, no person shall use or apply
20 chlorpyrifos in the State.

1 Sec. 2. AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND MARKETS; REPORT
2 ON COMPOSITION AND FUNCTION OF THE PESTICIDE
3 ADVISORY COUNCIL

4 (a) On or before January 15, 2021, the Secretary of Agriculture, Food, and
5 Markets shall submit to the the Senate Committee on Agriculture and the
6 House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry recommendations for
7 improving the authority, capacity, and responsibility of the Pesticide Advisory
8 Council (Council) to review and regulate pesticides to achieve the State goals
9 of reducing the use of pesticides and protecting human health and the
10 environment. The recommendations shall address whether:

11 (1) the composition of the Council should be amended to include
12 additional experts in public health and fewer members of State agencies that
13 regularly use or apply pesticides;

14 (2) the authority of the Council should be enhanced to improve its
15 ability to achieve the Council's statutory goals of reducing the overall use of
16 pesticides in the State while ensuring that pesticides used in the State are
17 applied safely, efficiently, and in a manner that protects public health and the
18 environment;

19 (3) the Council should meet more frequently in order to fulfill its
20 functions and authority; and

1 (4) additional authority or support is necessary for the Council to
2 effectively operate and fulfill its duties, including whether the Council could
3 benefit from additional staffing or assistance.

4 (b) As used in this section, “pesticide” has the same meaning as in 6 V.S.A.
5 § 1101.

6 Sec. 3. ATRAZINE USE; BEST PRACTICES

7 On or before May 1, 2021, the Secretary of Agriculture, Food, and Markets
8 shall develop by procedure best practices in addition to the the Vermont
9 Regulations for the Control of Pesticides that farmers using atrazine should
10 implement to reduce the amount of atrazine used on crop fields and to avoid or
11 mitigate potential harms to public health or the environment.

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13 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE