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130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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LD 519 An Act To Protect Children from Exposure to Toxic Chemicals

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 197 bans the use of glyphosate and dicamba within 75 feet of school grounds. The prohibition does not apply to residential property or land used for commercial farming.

The law also directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control to establish a medical advisory committee to evaluate the potential impact of herbicides used on school grounds on human health. The board is required to submit a report no later than February 1, 2022 with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has the authority to submit a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

LD 524 Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control To Research Workable Methods To Collect Pesticide Sales and Use Records for the Purpose of Providing Information to the Public

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 54 directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control to research workable methods to collect pesticide sales and use records for the purpose of providing information to the public. The law directs the board to submit a report, with findings and recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 1, 2022 and gives the joint standing committee authority to submit a bill to the 130th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

LD 558 Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Develop a Study Plan Relating to Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination in the Agricultural Sector

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 38 directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to develop a comprehensive research study plan to identify and aid farmers who are or may be affected by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination. The department is required to submit a report regarding the comprehensive research study plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by February 1, 2022.