

General Assembly

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## Raised Bill No. 6915

LCO No. **3916** 

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by: (ENV)

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF SECOND-GENERATION ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) No person shall engage in the use in this state of any second-generation anticoagulant rodenticide. For purposes of this section, "second-generation anticoagulant rodenticide" means any pesticide product containing any one of the following active ingredients: (1) Brodifacoum; (2) bromadiolone; (3) difenacoum; or (4) difethialone.

7 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to:

8 (1) The use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides by any 9 state employee who uses second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides 10 for public health activities in accordance with any provision of the 11 Public Health Code and in furtherance of such employee's duties;

(2) The use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides when
used by any state employee for the purposes of protecting water supply
infrastructure and facilities in a manner that is consistent with all

otherwise applicable federal and state laws and regulations and infurtherance of such employee's duties;

17 (3) The use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides by a
18 director of health to control mosquito or vector breeding areas in order
19 to protect the public health;

(4) The use of any second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides for
the eradication of nonnative invasive species inhabiting or found to be
present on offshore islands in a manner that is consistent with all
otherwise applicable federal and state laws and regulations;

24 (5) The use of any second-generation anticoagulant rodenticide to 25 control an actual or potential rodent infestation associated with a public 26 health need, as determined by a supporting declaration from the 27 Commissioner of Public Health or a director of health. For purposes of 28 this section, "public health need" means an urgent, nonroutine situation 29 posing a significant risk to human health in which it is documented that 30 other rodent control alternatives, including nonchemical alternatives, 31 are inadequate to control the rodent infestation;

(6) The use of second-generation rodenticides in any of the following
locations: (A) A medical waste generator; or (B) any facility registered
annually and subject to inspection under Section 510 of the federal Food,
Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 360 et seq., and that is compliant with
the federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, 7 USC 135 et
seq.; or

(7) The use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides for
 agricultural activities. For purposes of this subdivision, "agricultural
 activities" includes activities conducted in any of the following
 locations:

42 (A) A warehouse used to store foods for human or animal 43 consumption; (B) An agricultural food production site, including, but not limitedto, a slaughterhouse or cannery;

46 (C) A factory, brewery or winery;

47 (D) An agricultural production site housing water storage and48 conveyance facilities; or

49 (E) An agricultural production site housing rights-of-way and other50 transportation infrastructure.

51 (c) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may 52 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the 53 general statutes, to ensure that the continued use of second-generation 54 anticoagulant rodenticides, in accordance with the provisions of section 55 22a-50 of the general statutes is not reasonably expected to result in 56 significant adverse effects to nontarget wildlife. Any such regulations 57 shall include, but are not limited to, provisions for the use of such 58 rodenticides if the eradication of invasive rodent populations is 59 necessary for the protection of threatened or endangered species or the 60 habitats of such species.

61 (d) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Energy and 62 Environmental Protection shall submit a report, in accordance with the 63 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing 64 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters 65 relating to the environment on the potential implications of the 66 application of existing statutory and regulatory restrictions and 67 licensing requirements for the use of second-generation anticoagulant 68 rodenticides. Such report shall include, but is not limited to, an analysis 69 of the consistency of applying such restrictions and requirements with 70 federal law and any potential effects, including, but not limited to, 71 improved raptor health and expenses and delays that such changes may 72 have on public health and agriculture in the state and requisite 73 administrative resources for overseeing such restrictions.

74 (e) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this

section shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than five thousand

- 76 dollars by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
- 77 for each such violation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section

## Statement of Purpose:

To restrict the use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]