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Special Act No. 26-10

AN ACT CONCERNING PESTICIDE REPORTING MODERNIZATION.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working group within the legislative branch to examine the creation of a searchable database that is capable of receiving, organizing and storing data associated with the sales and use of pesticides that the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may require or request pursuant to chapter 441 of the general statutes. In undertaking such examination, such working group shall review the searchable pesticide databases of not less than two other states, including, but not limited to: (1) Reviewing the costs of creating, licensing and maintaining such databases and the costs associated with complying with the use of such databases for any applicator, farmer, retailer or other person who reports any such sales or use information, and (2) learning the parameters, uses, outcomes and end users of such databases, including, but not limited to, any security or proprietary information issues related to the use of such databases.

(b) Not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section, the cochairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment shall jointly select two cochairpersons of

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such working group who shall, not later than thirty days after such appointment, select the membership of such working group, which shall include: (1) A representative of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, (2) a representative of the Department of Agriculture, (3) a representative of a national trade association that represents manufacturers, retailers or formulators of consumer, industrial and institutional products used for pest control management, (4) the director of the Sea Grant Program at The University of Connecticut, or the director's designee, (5) a representative of licensed commercial pesticide applicators, (6) a representative of the Connecticut Farm Bureau, (7) a representative of an advocacy group that represents invertebrate conservation, (8) a representative of a watershed group that advocates for pesticide reform, (9) a representative of an organization that advocates for bird conservation, (10) a representative of the nursery association, (11) a representative of organic farmers, and (12) a representative of the Connecticut association of golf course superintendents.

(c) The cochairpersons of such working group shall convene the working group not later than thirty days after the appointment of such membership pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

(d) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment shall serve as administrative staff to the working group.

(e) Not later than January 15, 2027, such working group shall submit a report on its examination, findings and recommendations, including, but not limited to, any legislative proposals, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 15, 2027, whichever is later.

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