

HOUSE BILL NO. 4858

June 27, 2023, Introduced by Reps. Rheingans, Steckloff, Byrnes, Miller, Hood, Hope, Price, Weiss, Dievendorf, Breen and Farhat and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 8307g.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 8307g. (1) Beginning 1 year after the effective date of
2 the amendatory act that added this section, a person shall not use
3 a neonicotinoid pesticide on public land. This subsection does not
4 apply if both of the following occur:

5 (a) A valid environmental emergency exists.

6 (b) Any other pesticide that is not a neonicotinoid pesticide

1 would be less effective in addressing the environmental emergency.

2 (2) Within 1 year after the effective date of the amendatory
3 act that added this section, the department shall report to the
4 legislature on the latest published and peer-reviewed evidence on
5 whether the outdoor application of neonicotinoid pesticides is safe
6 for monarch butterflies, other pollinators, beneficial insects, the
7 environment, and public health.

8 (3) The governing body of a local unit of government may enact
9 an ordinance that regulates the use of neonicotinoid pesticides and
10 imposes stricter requirements than the prohibition described under
11 subsection (1).

12 (4) As used in this section:

13 (a) "Neonicotinoid pesticide" means a class of pesticides that
14 affects the central nervous system of an insect and includes any of
15 the following active ingredients:

16 (i) Acetamiprid.

17 (ii) Clothianidin.

18 (iii) Dinotefuran.

19 (iv) Imidacloprid.

20 (v) Thiacloprid.

21 (vi) Thiamethoxam.

22 (b) "Valid environmental emergency" means a sudden onset
23 disaster or accident that results from natural, technological, or
24 human-induced factors, or a combination of factors, and causes or
25 threatens to cause severe environmental damage and loss of human
26 lives and property.