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Introduced by M. of A. RAMOS -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ENGLE-BRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to requiring certain signs and notices relating to pesticides for commercial or residential lawn application to be printed in the Spanish language in areas with a significant number of Spanish speaking residents

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section 33-1004 of the
2 environmental conservation law, as added by chapter 285 of the laws of
3 2000, is amended to read as follows:
4 a. All retail establishments that sell general use pesticides for
5 commercial or residential lawn application shall display a sign meeting
6 standards, established by the commissioner pursuant to subdivision one
7 of section 33-1005 of this article, in a conspicuous place, and such
8 sign shall be placed as close as possible to the place where such pesticides
9 are displayed. SUCH STANDARDS OF THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE
10 THAT IN AREAS OF THE STATE WITH A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SPANISH SPEAKING
11 RESIDENTS, THE SIGNS REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE PRINTED IN BOTH
12 THE ENGLISH AND SPANISH LANGUAGES.
13 S 2. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph b of subdivision 1 of section
14 33-1004 of the environmental conservation law, as added by chapter 285
15 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:
16 (i) At least forty-eight hours prior to any commercial lawn applica-
17 tion of a pesticide, the person or business making such application
18 shall supply written notice, as defined in subdivision three of section
19 33-1005 of this article, to occupants of all dwellings, as defined in
20 paragraph d of subdivision five of section 33-0905 of this article, on
21 abutting property with a boundary that is within one hundred fifty feet

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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1 of the site of such application; and to owners, owners' agents, or other
2 persons in a position of authority for all other types of premises, as
3 defined in paragraph d of subdivision five of section 33-0905 of this
4 article, that are on abutting property with a boundary that is within
5 one hundred fifty feet of the site of such application. THE WRITTEN
6 NOTICE REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE PRINTED IN BOTH THE ENGLISH
7 AND SPANISH LANGUAGES IN AREAS OF THE STATE WITH A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF
8 SPANISH SPEAKING RESIDENTS. Owners or owners' agents of multiple family
9 dwellings shall supply such written notice to the occupants of such
10 multiple family dwellings and for all other types of premises, owners,
11 owners' agents or other persons in a position of authority shall post
12 such written notice in a manner specified by the commissioner.

13 S 3. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph c of subdivision 1 of section
14 33-1004 of the environmental conservation law, as added by chapter 285
15 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

16 (i) All persons performing residential lawn applications treating an
17 area more than one hundred square feet shall affix markers to be placed
18 within or along the perimeter of the area where pesticides will be
19 applied. Markers are to be placed so as to be clearly visible to persons
20 immediately outside the perimeter of such property. Such markers shall
21 be posted at least twelve inches above the ground and shall be at least
22 four inches by five inches in size. FURTHERMORE, SUCH MARKERS SHALL BE
23 PRINTED IN BOTH THE ENGLISH AND SPANISH LANGUAGES IN AREAS OF THE STATE
24 WITH A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SPANISH SPEAKING RESIDENTS.

25 S 4. The opening paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 33-1005 of the
26 environmental conservation law, as added by chapter 285 of the laws of
27 2000, is amended to read as follows:

28 The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing
29 uniform standards for a consumer pesticide use information sign which
30 shall be placed in retail establishments that sell general use pesti-
31 cides for commercial or residential lawn application. SUCH UNIFORM STAN-
32 DARDS SHALL REQUIRE THAT SIGNS IN AREAS OF THE STATE WITH A SIGNIFICANT
33 NUMBER OF SPANISH SPEAKING RESIDENTS BE PRINTED IN BOTH THE ENGLISH AND
34 SPANISH LANGUAGES. This sign shall contain the following information:

35 S 5. Subdivision 2 of section 33-1005 of the environmental conserva-
36 tion law, as added by chapter 285 of the laws of 2000, is amended to
37 read as follows:

38 2. The commissioner shall prepare and publish, in consultation with
39 the commissioner of health, educational materials, IN BOTH THE ENGLISH
40 AND SPANISH LANGUAGES, explaining the requirements of paragraphs b and c
41 of subdivision one of section 33-1004 of this article and section three
42 hundred ninety-c of the social services law and the human and environ-
43 mental health effects of lawn care pesticides.

44 S 6. Subdivision 3 of section 33-1005 of the environmental conserva-
45 tion law, as added by chapter 285 of the laws of 2000, is amended by
46 adding a new paragraph c to read as follows:

47 C. THE WRITTEN NOTICE REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH B OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF
48 SECTION 33-1004 OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL, IN AREAS OF THE STATE WITH A
49 SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SPANISH SPEAKING RESIDENTS, BE PRINTED IN BOTH THE
50 ENGLISH AND SPANISH LANGUAGES.

51 S 7. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
52 it shall have become a law.