SENATE BILL 198
A BILL ENTITLED
POLLINATOR HABITAT PLANS AN ACT
(CROSS FILE HB-211)
NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES – Labeling, Signage, and Restrictions on Sales and Use
(Pollinator Protection Act of 2016)
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• Prohibiting a person from selling at retail in the State certain seeds, materials, or plants that have been treated with a neonicotinoid pesticide unless the seeds, material, or plants bear a label with, or are in close proximity to a sign that displays in a certain manner, a certain statement.

(All of the above information was redacted)
Prohibiting a person from selling at retail in the State, on or after a certain date, a neonicotinoid pesticide unless the person also sell a restricted use pesticide; prohibiting a person from using a neonicotinoid on or after a certain date unless the person is a certified applicator or, a person working under the supervision of a certified applicator, a farmer or person working under the supervision of a farmer who uses the product for a certain purpose, or a veterinarian.
(A) This Section does not apply to:

(1) Pet care products used to mitigate fleas, mites, ticks, heartworms, or other animals that are harmful to the health of a domesticated animal.

(2) Personal care products used to mitigate lice and bedbugs; and

(3) Indoor pest control products used to mitigate insects indoors, including ant bait
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• On or after January 1, 2018, a person may not sell at retail in the State a Neonicotinoid pesticide unless the person also sells a Restricted Use Pesticide.

• On or after January 1, 2018, a person may not use a Neonicotinoid pesticide unless the person is:
  1. A Certified Applicator or a person working under the supervision of a Certified Applicator.
  2. A Farmer, or person working under the supervision of a Farmer, who uses the pesticide for agricultural purposes; or,
  3. A Veterinarian.
The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) shall incorporate pollinator habitat expansion and enhancement practices into the State’s Managed Pollinator Protection Plant.

(A) On completion of the U.S. EPA’s pollinator risk assessment of the Neonicotinoid pesticides MDA shall review the State’s Pesticide Laws and Regulations and make recommendations for any changes necessary to ensure State Law & Regulations are protective of pollinators, taking into account the U.S EPA’s recommendations.
(B) Within 6 months of the U.S. EPA’s completed pollinator risk assessment of neonicotinoid pesticide, MDA shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, the Maryland General Assembly.

A person who violates this subtitle is subject to a civil penalty.
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A BILL ENTITLED – POLLINATOR HABITAT PLANS

THIS BILL WILL REQUIRE THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THE MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE AND, THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A POLLINATOR HABITAT PLANS ON LANDS THAT EACH OF THE THREE AGENCIES HOLD IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND
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• THE BILL MANDATES THAT THREE AGENCIES SHALL USE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR THE MAINTENANCE, CREATION, ENHANCEMENT, AND RESORATION OF POLLINATOR HIBITATS ON SOME OF THE PROPERTY THEY OWN IN THE STATE.

• THE BILL ALSO STATES THAT THE THREE STATE AGENCIES PLANS SHALL BE AS PROTECTIVE AS THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE’S MANAGED POLLINATOR PROTECTION PLAN
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THE BILL ALSO INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

- THE AGENCIES MAY NOT USE THE FOLLOWING PESTICIDES, SEEDS, OR PLANTS IN A POLLINATOR HABITAT PLAN;
  1. NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES;
  2. PESTICIDES LABELED AS TOXIC TO BEES OR OTHER POLLINATORS; OR
  3. SEEDS OR PLANTS TREATED WITH A NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDE
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• THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THE MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE, AND THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION EACH SHALL ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2017, MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON ITS WEBSITE THEIR POLLINATOR HABITAT PLAN.

• ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2018, THE THREE AGENCIES SHALL IMPLEMENT THEIR POLLINATOR HABITAT PLANS.