

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 896**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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## **An Act to protect Massachusetts pollinators.**

Section 1. Neonicotinoids are a kind of pesticide. They are absorbed into plants and can be present in pollen and nectar.

Section 2. Neonicotinoids can only be used with training and a license.

Section 3. Companies who apply these chemicals must:

- have permission from property owners to use them
- give them information about how the chemicals can harm honeybees
- have a signed paper showing that the property owner has received this information.

Section 4. Companies who apply these chemicals must take steps to protect pollinators from negative effects of using pesticides.

Section 6. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation must identify opportunities to replace some grasses with native flowers, wildflowers, vegetables, weeds, and other plants that attract honeybees and other pollinators.

# **SENATE . . . . . No. 528**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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## **An Act protecting pollinators by eliminating harmful products.**

Section 1. Neonicotinoids are a kind of pesticide. They are absorbed into plants and can be present in pollen and nectar.

Section 4. Neonicotinoids shall not be sprayed, released, deposited, or applied on any property within the state.

This full law shall take effect on January 1, 2023.