

1 H.301
2 Introduced by Representatives Cordes of Lincoln, Christensen of
3 Weathersfield, and Cina of Burlington
4 Referred to Committee on
5 Date:
6 Subject: Agriculture; pesticides; glyphosate
7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to ban the sale,
8 use, or application of the herbicide glyphosate.

9 An act relating to prohibiting the use of the herbicide glyphosate
10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. FINDINGS

12 The General Assembly finds that:

13 (1) Glyphosate is a broad-spectrum herbicide that is designed to kill
14 many varieties of green vegetation and that is widely used in agricultural,
15 residential, aquatic, and other settings.

16 (2) Glyphosate likely is the most widely used herbicide within the
17 United States due to the widespread cultivation of glyphosate-resistant crops.

18 (3) Because of glyphosate's extensive use, it is regularly found in food,
19 the air, rainfall, and surface waters.

1 (4) In 2015, the International Agency for Research on Cancer, a division
2 of the World Health Organization, concluded that glyphosate is a probable
3 carcinogen.

4 (5) In order to protect public health and the environment, the General
5 Assembly should ban the use of glyphosate in Vermont.

6 Sec. 2. 6 V.S.A. § 1114 is added to read:

7 § 1114. USE AND SALE OF GLYPHOSATE

8 (a) Definition. As used in this section, “glyphosate” means a systemic
9 organophosphate herbicide with the chemical name C3H8NO5P and the
10 Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number of 1071-83-6.

11 (b) Prohibition. No person shall sell, use, or apply glyphosate except when
12 authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets under
13 subsection (c) of this section.

14 (c) Authorized use. The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets may
15 authorize the use or application of glyphosate upon a determination that a
16 threat to Vermont crops exists that requires the use of glyphosate and no other
17 herbicide or class of herbicides would be effective in addressing the threat.

18 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.