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**Act No. 112 (H.739). An act relating to prohibiting the use and sale of the herbicide paraquat**

**Subjects: Agriculture; prohibition; herbicides; control of pesticides; pests and plant diseases; paraquat**

This act bans the use and sale of the herbicide paraquat unless authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets. The Secretary may issue written permits for the use or sale of paraquat within fruit-producing tree orchards or for berries or small fruits. A written permit shall be valid for not more than three years or until December 31, 2030, whichever comes first. After December 31, 2030, this act bans the use and sale of paraquat in the State entirely. This act requires that the Secretary provide an annual report on the use of paraquat in the State.

Effective Date: November 1, 2026