

H.739

SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Cole of Hartford, Arsenault of Williston,
Berbeco of Winooski, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Boyden of
Cambridge, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cina of Burlington,
Eastes of Guilford, Krasnow of South Burlington, Masland of
Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Morrow
of Weston, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of
Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, and Tomlinson of Winooski

Referred to Committee on

Date:

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

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the
use and sale of the herbicide paraquat in the State. The bill would also define
paraquat to include herbicides known as "paraquat," "paraquat dichloride," and
"paraquat bis(methylsulfate)." The bill would authorize limited exemptions to
the prohibition on the use of paraquat only when no other less harmful
pesticide would be effective in addressing an environmental or agricultural
emergency. These exemption orders would be valid for up to one year and

1 would specify the paraquat to be used, the permitted uses of the paraquat, the
2 order's date and duration, and the order's geographic scope.

3 An act relating to prohibiting the use and sale of the herbicide paraquat

4 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

5 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)