

1 H.739

2 SHORT FORM

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

10 Referred to Committee on

11 Date:

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

14 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the
15 use and sale of the herbicide paraquat in the State. The bill would also define
16 paraquat to include herbicides known as “paraquat,” “paraquat dichloride,” and
17 “paraquat bis(methylsulfate).” The bill would authorize limited exemptions to
18 the prohibition on the use of paraquat only when no other less harmful
19 pesticide would be effective in addressing an environmental or agricultural
20 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)