

CHAPTER 296

AN ACT requiring training for pesticide applicators and operators concerning pollinating bees and amending P.L.1971, c.176.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 4 of P.L.1971, c.176 (C.13:1F-4) is amended to read as follows:

C.13:1F-4 Powers of commissioner relative to use of pesticides under certain circumstances.

4. a. The commissioner shall have the power to formulate and promulgate, amend and repeal orders, rules and regulations prohibiting, conditioning and controlling the sale, purchase, transportation, labeling, use and application, or any thereof, of pesticides which cause or may tend to cause adverse effects on man or the environment by any person within this State. State rules and regulations with respect to the labeling of any pesticide, the labeling of which is prescribed by Federal law and regulations, shall to the extent practicable conform to the Federal requirements.

b. In addition to any other training and licensing requirements established by the commissioner pursuant to P.L.1971, c.176 (C.13:1F-1 et seq.), a person seeking certification and licensing as a pesticide applicator or a commercial pesticide operator shall be required to complete a continuing education or training course, approved by the department, concerning the impact of pesticides on pollinating bees.

For the purposes of this subsection, "pollinating bee" means any bee that causes a plant to make fruits or seeds by transferring pollen from a plant anther to a plant stigma, resulting in fertilization.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 16, 2018.