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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2472

Introduced by Assembly Member Simitian

February 21, 2002

An act to add Article 18 (commencing with Section 13500) to Chapter 2 of Division 7 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to pesticides.

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AB 2472, as amended, Simitian. Pesticides.

Existing law generally regulates the use of pesticides. Existing law, the Healthy Schools Act of 2000, provides that it is the policy of the state that effective least toxic pest management practices should be the preferred method of managing pests at schoolsites. Existing law requires the Department of Pesticide Regulation to promote and facilitate the voluntary adoption of integrated pest management programs, as defined, for all school districts that choose to do so.

This bill would ~~make a finding and declaration of state policy state various findings and declarations of the Legislature relating to pesticide use in state buildings and lands and would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to protect public and environmental health through the use of integrated pest management techniques.~~ This bill would *define integrated pest management and would require, upon receipt of appropriate grant funds for those purposes, that the Department of General Services implement a pilot program*

demonstration project to study the use of integrated pest management techniques at the State Capitol. *This bill would also require the Department of General Services to present a report to the Legislature on this demonstration project within 6 months of its implementation.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that it is the
2 policy of the state to protect public health and safety in a manner
3 that compliments sustainability as an extension of resource
4 conservation.

5 SEC. 2. *The Legislature finds and declares that pesticide use*
6 *in state buildings and on lands can be a cause of significant*
7 *damage to the health of citizens and state employees. The*
8 *elimination or reduction of pesticide use in these areas is an*
9 *important step in providing all state employees with a safe, healthy*
10 *work environment.*

11 SEC. 3. *It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation*
12 *to protect public and environmental health through integrated pest*
13 *management (IPM) techniques, where feasible, before*
14 *considering use of pesticides on state property.*

15 SEC. 4. Article 18 (commencing with Section 13500) is
16 added to Chapter 2 of Division 7 of the Food and Agricultural
17 Code, to read:

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19 Article 18. Integrated Pest Management

20 13500. ~~Upon receipt of a grant of funds for those purposes, the~~
21 ~~Department of General Services~~ (a) *The Department of General*
22 *Services shall apply for grants and other funding as may be*
23 *available from state, federal, or other sources and upon receipt of*
24 *appropriate funds, shall implement a ~~pilot program~~ demonstration*
25 *project to study the use of integrated pest management (IPM)*
26 *techniques utilizing nonpesticide alternatives at the State Capitol*
27 *and its associated grounds. The Department of General Services*
28 *shall apply for funds from July 1, 2002, to July 1, 2005, until*
29 *appropriate funds are obtained.*

30 (b) Successful practices learned directly from this ~~pilot~~
31 ~~program~~ *demonstration project shall be deemed a sustainable*



1 measure, fitness and quality to traditional pest management
2 methods being equal, and shall be made available to those state
3 agencies interested in Integrated Pest Management ~~if the cost is the~~
4 ~~same or a lower total cost than traditional pesticide application.~~

5 Successful practices learned from this ~~pilot program~~
6 *demonstration program* should also be made available to local
7 jurisdictions at their request and expense, if appropriate.

8 *(c) The Department of General Services shall present a report*
9 *on this demonstration project to the Legislature within six months*
10 *of its implementation.*

11 *(d) For the purposes of this section “Integrated pest*
12 *management (IPM)” means a pest management strategy that*
13 *focuses on long-term prevention or suppression of pest problems*
14 *through a combination of techniques such as monitoring for pest*
15 *presence and establishing treatment threshold levels, using*
16 *nonchemical practices to make the habitat less conducive to pest*
17 *development, improving sanitation, and employing mechanical*
18 *and physical controls. Pesticides that pose the least possible*
19 *hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people,*
20 *property, and the environment, are used only after careful*
21 *monitoring indicates they are needed according to preestablished*
22 *guidelines and treatment thresholds.*

