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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2472

Introduced by Assembly Member Simitian
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Nation)

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 (~~commencing with Section 14717~~) to Chapter 2 of Part 5.5 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to pesticides.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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 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~~ *Integrated Pest Management* techniques. This bill would

define ~~integrated pest management~~ *Integrated Pest Management* and would require, upon receipt of appropriate grant funds, that the Department of General Services implement a demonstration project to study the use of ~~integrated pest management~~ *Integrated Pest Management* techniques at the State Capitol *Park and its associated grounds, as specified*. 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 damage~~
7 ~~to the health of citizens and state employees.~~ *The* the elimination
8 or reduction of pesticide use in ~~these areas~~ *state buildings and on*
9 *state lands* is an important step in providing all state employees
10 *and members of the public* with a safe, healthy ~~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~~ *Integrated Pest Management* (IPM) techniques,
14 where feasible, before considering *the* use of pesticides on state
15 property.

16 SEC. 4. Article ~~18 (commencing with Section 13500)~~ is
17 ~~added to Chapter 2 of Division 7 of the Food and Agricultural~~
18 ~~(commencing with Section 14717)~~ *is added to Chapter 2 of Part*
19 *5.5 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code*, to read:

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21 Article 18. Integrated Pest Management

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23 ~~13500.~~

24 *14717.* (a) The Department of General Services shall apply
25 for grants and other funding as may be available from state,
26 federal, or other sources and upon receipt of appropriate funds,
27 shall implement a demonstration project to study the use of



1 ~~integrated pest management~~ *Integrated Pest Management* (IPM)
2 techniques ~~utilizing nonpesticide alternatives~~ at the State Capitol
3 Park and its associated grounds *that include the area located in the*
4 *blocks bounded by 9th and 15th, L and N Streets, in the City of*
5 *Sacramento, State of California.* The Department of General
6 Services shall apply for funds from July 1, 2002, to July 1, 2005,
7 until appropriate funds are obtained.

8 (b) Successful practices learned directly from this
9 demonstration project shall be deemed a sustainable measure,
10 fitness and quality to traditional pest management methods being
11 equal, and shall be made available to those state agencies interested
12 in Integrated Pest Management. Successful practices learned from
13 this demonstration program should also be made available to local
14 jurisdictions at their request and expense, if appropriate.

15 (c) The Department of General Services shall present a report
16 on this demonstration project to the Legislature within six months
17 of its implementation.

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

