

By Mr. Travaglini, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1057) of Robert E. Travaglini, Carol A. Donovan and Christopher J. Hodgkins for legislation to require posted notification of the application of a pesticide. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE USE OF PESTICIDES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 6 of chapter 132B of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the follow-  
3 ing paragraph:—

4 No person shall apply a pesticide to a lawn or grassy area without  
5 first conspicuously placing a sign indicating the use of such sub-  
6 stance. Such sign shall have a minimum dimension of one foot by  
7 one foot, and the top of each sign shall be placed not less than three  
8 feet above the ground or surface area. Such sign shall be placed in  
9 the area where the pesticide is to be applied, nearest the sidewalk or  
10 the main path where pedestrians travel; provided, however, that for  
11 larger areas, additional signs shall be placed at a distance not less  
12 than 25 feet from one another. Any such signs shall be yellow in  
13 color and clearly lettered containing the following information: the  
14 chemical name of the pesticide; the date when the pesticide shall be  
15 applied; the length of time in which the pesticide may remain  
16 harmful; and the name, address and telephone number of the person  
17 applying such pesticide. A violation of this paragraph shall be pun-  
18 ishable by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more  
19 than six months or by a fine of not more than \$250.00 or both such  
20 fine and imprisonment.

