H.539 An Act relating to the establishment of a Pollinator Protection Committee

- The Pollinator Protection Committee shall be composed of the following ten members:
  - the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets or designee;
  - a person who is a beekeeper, appointed by the Governor;
  - a dairy farmer, appointed by the Governor;
  - a person representing a not-for-profit organization advocating the protection of pollinators, appointed by the Governor;
  - a person who is a beekeeper, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
  - a person who is a university employee with expertise in the protection of pollinators, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
  - a tree fruit farmer, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
  - a vegetable farmer, appointed by the Committee on Committees;
  - a person licensed or certified to sell or apply pesticides, herbicides, or other economic poisons in the State, appointed by the Committee on Committees; and
  - a person who owns or operates a greenhouse or plant nursery, appointed by the Committee on Committees.

- (1) Evaluate the status in Vermont of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's five pillars of pollinator health. The five pillars of pollinator health are: pollinator biology; nutrition and habitat; pathogens and pests; pesticide use; and genetics and breeding.
- (2) Evaluate the effectiveness of pesticide applicator licensing and other pesticide requirements in the State in protecting pollinator health.
- (3) Evaluate other state or international pesticide regulations that are more protective of pollinator health than the pesticide regulations of Vermont or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- (4) Study available education and outreach plans from other states that have been successful in increasing public awareness of pollinator health issues.
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- (5) Evaluate best management practices for application of neonicotinoid pesticides in a manner that avoids harm to pollinators.
- (6) Identify possible sources of funds for use in the protection of pollinator health.
- (7) Consider the requirements in 2015 Vt. Acts and Resolves No. 64 (State Clean Water Act) regarding buffers along State waters and whether and how areas in buffers or other areas that require perennial vegetation should be encouraged for use as pollinator forage zones or pollinator growing areas.
- (8) Develop a State pollinator protection plan using the framework and critical elements from the Association of American Pesticide Control Officials Pollinator Protection Plan guidance.

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- Report. On or before January 15, 2017

H.861 An act relating to regulation of treated articles

- Definition- “economic poison” shall include treated articles.
- “Treated article” means a pesticide or class of pesticides exempt under 40 C.F.R. § 152.25(a) from regulation under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, 7 U.S.C. § 136-136y.
H.861 An act relating to regulation of treated articles

• On or before July 1, 2018, the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall adopt under 6 V.S.A. §1104 rules regulating treated articles used or sold in the State that may require additional restrictions under 6 V.S.A. § 1104(3) when use of the treated article will have a hazardous or long-term deleterious effect on the environment or use of the treated article has been determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets to be of such a nature that its use is deemed to be unwise or dangerous.

S.200 - H.236 An act relating to the use of neonicotinoid pesticides

• No person shall sell, use, or apply the pesticide imidacloprid, clothianidin, thiamethoxam, donotafuran, or any other member of the nitro group of neonicotinoid pesticides except when the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets determines that a threat to Vermont crops exists that requires the use of a neonicotinoid pesticide and no other class of pesticides would be effective in addressing the threat.

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• When the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets determines that a threat to Vermont crops exists, he or she shall prescribe the type of pesticide that may be used, the conditions for use, and the period for which it may be used, provided that no pesticide authorized to address a threat to Vermont crops under this section shall be authorized for use for more than eight succeeding months.
S.241
An act relating to the regulation of marijuana

- The Agency’s regulatory program would draft, establish, and implement rules for the certification of cultivation sites, growers, and retail locations; establish acceptable cultivation and recordkeeping practices; and ensure consumer protection by conducting site inspections, certifying commercial laboratories, and testing products for adulterants and chemical constituents.