

Sec. 1 In order to maintain and improve the number of bees in Utah, there will be a ban on pesticides containing neonicotinoids.

Sec. 2 Neonicotinoids are a family of chemicals found in multiple pesticides that have been proven to contribute to the decline of bee populations by interfering and preventing bees from completing their role in the hive in numerous studies.

Sec. 3 Thus, neonicotinoids threaten humans because without bees food cannot be grown. Human lives are at risk.

Sec. 4 The ban will apply to all forms, sizes, and localities of agricultural and/or garden space.

Sec. 5 Alternative pest deterrents that do not include neonicotinoids may still be used. These include (but are not limited to): pesticides with *Bacillus thuringiensis* and aromatic chemical defense.

Sec. 6 Use of pesticides containing neonicotinoids following the ban will result in a 40% fine on the retail value of the commodities treated each time the the commodities test positive for neonicotinoids. In private gardens and/or food production where no sales are generated, people will be fined \$200 on each occasion they test positively for neonicotinoids.

Sec. 7 To test positive for neonicotinoids, levels must be significant (as determined by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food) in order to not punish those whose plants were cross-pollinated with neonicotinoid treated plants.

Sec. 8 Revenue from the fines will be put towards hiring and partial funding neonicotinoid inspectors, with surplus going towards research into further ways Utah can assist bee populations in recovery.