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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Councilmember Muriel Bowser introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on _____

To amend the Pesticide Operations Act of 1977 to require that pesticide applicators provide information to prospective customers and residents concerning the type of pesticide to be used and provide safety information concerning that pesticide.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Pesticide Consumer Notification Amendment Act of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Pesticide Operations Act of 1977, effective April 18, 1978 (D.C. Law 2-70; D.C. Official Code § 4-801 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 4a to read as follows:

“Sec. 4a. Information to be supplied customers and residents.

“(a) Before a pesticide is applied, and before a customer enters into a contract with a licensed pesticide applicator for pest control, the licensed pesticide applicator shall provide the customer, and resident if not the direct customer, with the following written information:

“(1) Name of licensed pesticide applicator;

“(2) District of Columbia pesticide applicator license number;

“(3) Telephone number of licensed pesticide applicator;

“(4) Common name of pesticide or active ingredient applied;

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“(5) National Capitol Poison Center hotline number; and 2

“(6) One of the following: 3

 “(i) An original or legible copy of the current pesticide product label; 4

 “(ii) An original or a legible copy of that portion of the current pesticide 5
product label or labeling containing precautionary statements regarding hazards to humans or 6
animals and environmental hazards, if any; or 7

 “(iii) A document containing appropriate health, safety, or precautionary 8
information that has been taken from the pesticide label and approved by the District 9
Department of the Environment before its distribution. 10

“(b) In addition to the required information in subsection (a)(6) of this section, a licensed 11
pesticide applicator may provide the customer with additional product information, such as: 12

 “(1) A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS); 13

 “(2) A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fact sheet on the product; or 14

 “(3) Additional labeling information provided by the product manufacturer 15
(registrant). 16

“(c) Product information, other than the current product label or labeling, that the licensee 17
provides to the customer to comply with the requirements in subsection (a)(6) of this section 18
shall be approved by the District Department of the Environment before distribution. 19

“(d) Upon the customer's or resident's request, the licensee shall provide the customer or 20
resident with advance notice of a pesticide application.”. 21

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Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,
approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

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Sec. 4. Effective date.

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This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
Columbia Register.

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