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1 AN ACT Relating to protecting public health in the application of
2 pesticides near schools, nursing homes, child care centers, and other
3 facilities with vulnerable populations; and adding a new section to
4 chapter 43.20 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) No later than May 1, 2007, the state board of health shall
9 adopt rules requiring any person applying a pesticide with the signal
10 words "Danger/Poison" to notify adjacent schools, hospitals, nursing
11 homes, or state-licensed child or adult day care centers at least two
12 facility business days before the start of applications.

13 (2) The rules shall specify the manner of notification, which shall
14 include facsimile or electronic mail. The rules shall specify a single
15 facility manager or other personnel to whom the notification must be
16 directed. The applicator or other responsible person managing the
17 application site shall provide the notification. The rules shall allow
18 agreements between facilities and managers of application sites for the
19 methods of providing the required notification.

1 (3) The rules shall specify:
2 (a) Information required to be in the notification, including
3 without limitation, the product name, active ingredient, federal
4 environmental protection agency pesticide registration number, type of
5 pesticide being applied, the intended date and time of the application;
6 (b) Web site address where more information on the pesticide may be
7 obtained from the national pesticide information center; and
8 (c) The contact name and telephone number of the applicator or
9 responsible person.
10 (4) The rules shall require notification if:
11 (a) The application method is by aircraft, airblast sprayer,
12 fumigation, or overhead chemigation;
13 (b) The application site is contiguous with the property boundary
14 of the school, hospital, nursing home, or state-licensed day care
15 center; and
16 (c) The application site is within one-half mile of the property
17 boundary of the facility.
18 (5) If the school, school grounds, or day care will not be in use
19 the day of the application and for at least two consecutive days after
20 the application, notification is not required.
21 (6) The board may integrate these rules or portions of these rules
22 with facility-specific rules that it is developing concurrently or has
23 already adopted.

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