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**COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE PRECAUTIONS**

House Bill 4469  
Sponsor: Rep. David M. Gubow  
Committee: Conservation, Recreation, &  
Environment

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**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4469 AS INTRODUCED 3-20-89**

The bill would amend the Pesticide Control Act to require a commercial applicator to enter into a written contract with an owner of property or the agent of the owner before applying a pesticide to the ground, trees, or shrubs. The requirements would not apply to a commercial applicator who was applying a pesticide on a golf course or turf farm, or around or near the foundation of a building or structure for the purpose of controlling pests within that building or structure.

The name, address, telephone number, and any available identification numbers of the commercial applicator and the certified individual responsible for the application of a pesticide would be listed in the contract. The contract would also have to specify the approximate date or dates of application, the number of required applications, the total cost of the service to be provided, and a list of the pesticides to be applied (including brand names and generic names of active ingredients). If the commercial applicator could not apply a pesticide on the date specified, the commercial applicator would give the property owner or the agent of the owner an oral or written notice of a proposed alternative date or dates. Warnings that were pertinent to the protection of humans, animals, or the environment that appeared on the label of the pesticide would also be listed in the contract.

Under the bill, written or oral approval of the property owner would have to be obtained by the commercial applicator prior to initiating the contract for application. The commercial applicator would maintain copies of all contracts and make those copies available upon request to the director of the Department of Agriculture during normal business hours.

The bill would further require a commercial applicator to place markers within or along the perimeter of property where pesticides were scheduled to be applied. The markers would have to be at least 12 inches above the ground and at least 4 inches by 5 inches in size and be clearly visible to a person immediately outside the perimeter of the property. The markers would instruct people in boldly printed letters at least three-eighths of an inch high not to enter the property or remove the warning signs for at least 24 hours after the application.

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