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SENATE BILL 221

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; PERMITTING LIMITED LOCAL REGULATION OF PESTICIDES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 76-4-9.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992, Section 1. Chapter 25, Section 1) is amended to read:

"76-4-9.1. STATE PREEMPTION -- EXCEPTION. --

A. Except as otherwise authorized in the Pesticide Control Act, no city, county or other political subdivision of the state and no home rule municipality shall adopt or continue in effect any ordinance, rule, regulation or statute regarding the registration, labeling, distribution, sale, handling, use, application, transportation or disposal of pesticides unless that ordinance, rule or regulation is more restrictive than state law or regulation and pertains only to the distribution,

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sale, handling, use, application, transportation or disposal of pesticides. Such ordinance, rule or regulation may include requirements for public notice of use or application of pesticides. The state shall retain sole authority regarding registration and labeling of pesticides and over licensing of commercial, public and private pesticide applicators.

B. Any political subdivision or local government entity contemplating regulating pesticides, as permitted in Subsection A of this section, shall notify the director of the department prior to public notice of the proposed action in order to ensure that no provision of the proposed ordinance, rule or regulation conflicts with state or federal pesticide statutes or regulations."

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