



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

## Bill Analysis

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### **H.B. 566**

131st General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps.** Ramos, Antonio, Lepore-Hagan

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Prohibits the reckless labeling and advertising of nursery stock as beneficial to pollinators if certain criteria apply, including the nursery stock was treated with a chemical pesticide that is absorbed by a plant.

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

### **Labeling or advertising of nursery stock**

The bill prohibits a person from recklessly labeling or advertising nursery stock as beneficial to pollinators if both of the following apply:

(1) The nursery stock was treated with a chemical pesticide soluble in water and absorbed by a plant; and

(2) The nursery stock has either of the following U.S. Environmental Protection Agency warnings on the nursery stock or its container:

-- A pollinator protection box;

-- A pollinator, bee, or honey bee precautionary statement in the environmental hazard section of an insecticide product label.<sup>1</sup>

A person who violates the prohibition is guilty of a fourth degree misdemeanor on a first offense and a third degree misdemeanor on each subsequent offense.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 927.57.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 927.99(B).

Under continuing law, nursery stock includes both of the following:

(1) Any hardy tree, shrub, plant, or bulb, whether wild or cultivated, except turfgrass, and any cutting, graft, scion, or bud of such a tree, shrub, plant, or bulb;

(2) Any nonhardy plant, or plant part, that is to be offered for sale in any state that requires inspection and certification of the plant or plant part as a condition of entrance.<sup>3</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	05-12-16

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 927.51, not in the bill.

