

[(v)] (W) "Rodenticide" means any substance or mixture of substances intended to prevent, destroy, repel, or mitigate rodents or any other vertebrate animal which the Secretary declares to be a pest.

[(w)] (X) "Weed" means any plant or plant part which grows where it is not wanted.

5-102.

(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PESTICIDE DATA PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES:

(1) THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TAKEN; AND

(2) FIGURES FOR THE NUMBER, TYPES, AND USES OF PESTICIDES IN MARYLAND.

(D) THE SECRETARY SHALL ISSUE A REPORT ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PESTICIDE DATA PROGRAM TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, BY JANUARY 1, 1990 AND BY JANUARY 1 OF EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

5-104.

(a) The Secretary, after public hearing, may adopt appropriate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this subtitle, including rules and regulations providing for the collection and examination of samples of pesticides.

(b) The Secretary may:

(1) Declare any form of plant or animal life or virus which is injurious to plants, humans, domestic animals, articles, or substances to be a pest;

(2) Determine whether any pesticide is highly toxic to humans; AND

(3) [Determine standards of coloring or discoloring for pesticides; and

(4)] Subject pesticides to the requirements of § 5-105.

(c) Uniform pesticide requirements between the several states and the federal government are desirable to avoid confusion that endangers the public health and that results from diverse requirements, particularly relating to the labeling and coloring of pesticides, and to avoid increased costs to the people of the State due to the necessity of complying with diverse requirements for manufacturing and selling pesticides.