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Lawn care companies challenge ban on cosmetic pesticides

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Six Montgomery County lawn care companies and a D.C. trade association have gone to court to challenge the county's ban of cosmetic pesticides on private lawns.

They allege that the county overstepped its authority because the state and Environmental Protection Agency already test, regulate and license pesticides.

The Montgomery County Council voted 6 to 3 in October 2015 to bar the chemicals, effective in 2018. The legislation had strong support from residents who contended that state and federal regulators have failed to protect them from cancer-causing toxins in some lawn-care products. It made Montgomery the nation's first major locality to impose such a ban.

The measure exempts agricultural land, gardens golf courses and athletic playing fields.

The lawsuit, filed Monday in Montgomery County Circuit Court, noted that the Maryland Attorney General's Office advised the council that the ban is probably preempted by state law.

Council member George L. Leventhal (D-At Large), who sponsored the bill, said members were advised by their counsel that they were acting within their power.

"We had this discussion and proceeded with the legislation because we believe we are not preempted," Leventhal said.

Seven county residents joined the lawsuit as plaintiffs. Among the companies in the lawsuit are Complete Lawn Care of Laytonsville, Integrated Plant Care of Rockville and Newsom Seed of Gaithersburg.

The trade association, RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment), represents the pesticide industry.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/lawn-care-companies-challenge-ban-on-cosmetic-pesticides/2016/11/22/5e1030bc-b0ed-11e6-be1c-8cec35b1ad25_story.html

NORAHG Response

SUE THESE SOB'S BRAINS' OUT, AND STOP PROHIBITION, FOREVER !

The ONLY way to stop PROHIBITION in Montgomery County is by SUING the fanatical-lunatics' brains' out ! Until recently, in Montgomery County, the Professional Lawn Care Industry failed to address several critical issues, and was simply lulled into lunatic la-la land ! In 2016, there appears to be a refreshing re-awakening of the industry which will now litigate against the county ! Yayyyyyy !

PROHIBITION INFLECTS APOCALYPSE ! — In Canada, the industry also ineptly refused to address several critical issues, and its businesses were destroyed in a prohibition apocalypse ! If they are unopposed, these pesticide-hating fanatics will also defeat the Professional Lawn Care Industry in America !

CATASTROPHIC CARNAGE IN ONTARIO ! — After nearly a decade of experiencing prohibition in Canada, it is now evident that prohibition leads to catastrophic carnage. For example, because of Ontario's 2009 provincial prohibition, the Professional Lawn Care Industry lost over 500,000,000 dollars, with over to 12,500 unemployed.

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/carnage-leading-to-business-failures/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/ontario-living-in-environmental-infamy/>

GREEN ALTERNATIVES DO NOT WORK ! — It is impossible for professionals, and even home-owners, to protect their properties by using so-called green alternative pesticides and practices. There are NO

alternatives that work. Focusing on soil health will NOT control pests. Natural/organic-based products will NOT control pests. Organic programs will NOT control pests, and are stunningly expensive. Organic pesticide-free maintenance is a failure ! Despite rigged testimonials and mock-photos, organic pesticide-free maintenance will NOT control pests ! Everything has NOT worked out great in Canada where prohibition has converted green spaces into garbage dumps.

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<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/carnage-leading-to-garbage-dump-green-spaces-photo-gallery/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2014/01/19/emerald-ash-borer-wisconsin-municipalities-safe-effective-insecticide-treatments-versus-chain-saws-2014-01-05/>

PROHIBITION LEADS TO UNSAFE PLAYING SURFACES ! — When it comes to professional lawn care maintenance, the use of safe and effective conventional pest control products should be a no-brainer. Anti-pesticide prohibition leads to the catastrophic problems of weed invasion and insect infestation. In the past decade, in all jurisdictions where prohibition has been arbitrarily imposed, so-called pesticide-free parks and green spaces have ended in dismal failure. Consequently, municipal officials have scrambled to find a way to rescind their self-imposed and arbitrary prohibition. Montgomery County will soon face the dilemma of unsafe playing surfaces for children that may lead to injuries and liabilities issues.

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/children-are-not-at-risk/>

THIS #@!!% PROHIBITION INSANITY MUST BE CHALLENGED AND STOPPED ! — In Montgomery County, there is now no other recourse but litigation against the fanatics in order to stop them from destroying the Professional Lawn Care Industry. Sue these sob's brains' out, and stop prohibition, forever ! Or else, watch the disintegration of green spaces and suffer the apocalypse of business ruination !

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2012/01/29/here%E2%80%99s-how-to-sue-the-basterds%E2%80%99-brains-out-litigation-against-anti-pesticide-activists/>

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<http://pesticidetruths.com/2015/12/12/the-professional-lawn-care-industry-must-sue-the-pesticide-hating-sobs-brains-out-montgomery-county-maryland-usa-2015-11-25/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2015/11/02/nanny-state-nitwit-award-montgomery-county-md-bill-52-14-cosmetic-pesticide-ban/>

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