

■ **ARIZONA PESTICIDE CONTROL LAW (AERIAL APPLICATORS)**

TERMS:

Aerial Applicator Licensing — No person may operate an aircraft for the purpose of applying pesticides to crops unless the person has a valid license for that purpose issued by the state. To qualify for such a license, the applicant must pass an examination testing knowledge and understanding of pesticide use and safety, safe flight and application procedures, pesticide laws and regulations, and other subjects. Aerial applicators must also have a valid commercial pilot's certificate issued by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Aerial Equipment Licensing — Like other pesticide application equipment, any aircraft used to apply pesticides for hire must have a valid state equipment license, as well as a certificate issued by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Application Restrictions — Certain designated highly toxic pesticide products may not be applied from the air within prescribed distances from schools, daycare centers, health care institutions and residences. Similarly, within designated urban areas that border on farmlands and have a history of problems or complaints concerning aerial pesticide applications, applicators must notify the state agency at least 24 hours prior to applying certain chemical compounds from the air.

ENFORCEMENT: *Environmental Services Division, Arizona Department of Agriculture, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 (602-542-3578).*

No sooner than 60 days after first filing a complaint with the Department of Agriculture, anyone who is negatively affected by a violation of the pesticide control law may file a lawsuit against the violator in civil court, using a private attorney or a public legal service program.