

■ **KENTUCKY FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE STORAGE, USE AND APPLICATION ACT OF 1996**

TERMS: No one may apply pesticides to someone else's property, for hire, without first obtaining a license from the state. Issuance of an applicator's license requires the applicant (1) to pay an annual license fee, plus an inspection fee for each aircraft and each piece of ground equipment to be licensed, and (2) to pass an examination demonstrating knowledge of the proper use of pesticide equipment, the hazards involved in applying pesticides, how to calculate pesticide concentrations, identification of pests, protective clothing and equipment, pesticide disposal and decontamination, and state and federal pesticide laws and regulations. Employees of pesticide applicators who intend to apply pesticides by hand, or as operators in charge of any pesticide equipment, must also be licensed.

Among other offenses defined in the law, it is illegal for a licensed applicator to fail to keep required records or make required reports, to operate unlicensed or unsafe equipment, or to operate in a faulty or careless manner. Furthermore, it is a crime for anyone, licensed or unlicensed, to (1) use any registered pesticide contrary to instructions and warnings on the product's label, (2) purchase, use or supervise the use of a restricted pesticide without being properly licensed, or (3) store or dispose of a pesticide or pesticide container in a way that could cause injury to humans, vegetation, crops, livestock, wildlife or pollinating insects.

ENFORCEMENT: *Agriculture Branch, Division of Environmental Services, Office of Consumer and Environmental Protection, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 (502-782-9240).*

SPECIAL NOTE: Anyone who has been injured or has suffered damages due to an application of pesticides should report the matter to the Department no later than 60 days after the injury or damages occurred. *Call toll-free 866-289-0001 and tell the staff that you would like to file a complaint.*