AN ACT concerning pest control.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Pesticide Act is amended by changing Section 24 as follows:

(415 ILCS 60/24) (from Ch. 5, par. 824)

Sec. 24. Criminal Penalties.

- (a) 1- Except as otherwise provided in this Section, any person violating any provisions of this Act or regulations adopted thereunder is shall--be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor with a fine of not less than \$5,000.
- (b) A retailer convicted of distributing or selling a pesticide that has never been registered with or for which the registration has been cancelled or suspended by the United States Environmental Protection Agency shall be quilty of a Class A misdemeanor with a fine of not less than \$5,000. A retailer convicted of a second or subsequent violation of distributing or selling a pesticide that has never been registered with or for which the registration has been cancelled or suspended by the United States Environmental Protection Agency shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony. For the purposes of this Section, "retailer" means a person who transfers ownership of or title to pesticides to a purchaser for use and who is not certified under the Structural Pest Control Act.
- (c) A wholesaler who distributes or sells a pesticide that has never been registered with or for which the registration has been cancelled or suspended by the United States Environmental Protection Agency shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony for a first offense and shall be guilty of a Class 3 felony for a second or subsequent offense. For the

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purposes of this Section, "wholesaler" means a person who
sells or distributes pesticides to a retailer.

(Source: P.A. 85-177.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.