

AGENCY FISCAL ESTIMATE OF PROPOSED REGULATION

AGENCY SUBMITTING REGULATION:
The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

DATE: October 3, 2012

SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION: Asian longhorned beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) and Emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) Quarantine and Firewood Regulations

REGULATION SECTION NO.:
22-84-5d, 22-84-5e, 22-84-5g

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:
22-84

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED:
None

EFFECTIVE DATE USED IN COST ESTIMATE:
January 15, 2013

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SUMMARY OF STATE COST AND REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED REGULATION

Agency: CT Agricultural Exper. Station **Fund affected:** General Fund

	First Year 2013	Second Year 2014	Full Operation 2015
Number of Positions	1	1	1
Personal Services	\$50,115	\$52,908	\$55,857
Other Expenses	0	0	0
Equipment	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0
Total State Cost (Savings)	\$50,115	\$52,908	\$55,857
Estimated Revenue Gain (Loss)	(\$50,115)	(\$52,908)	(\$55,857)
Total Net State Cost (Savings)	0	0	0

EXPLANATION OF STATE IMPACT OF REGULATION: On July 16, 2012, the emerald ash borer (EAB) was found in Prospect, CT, Subsequently, this insect was detected in Naugatuck, Bethany, and Beacon Falls. A state quarantine for New Haven County became effective on August 9, 2012 along with emergency firewood regulations. Although the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) is not known to be in Connecticut, a vast region of infestation occurs in the Worcester, MA area. The southern edge of this zone is about 13 miles from the CT border. Minor amendments to regulation section numbers 22-84-5d, 22-84-5e, and to proposed permanent regulations 22-84-5g are needed to clarify definitions and conditions for moving regulated articles pursuant to CT General Statute 22-84. A technician position and state funding are needed to cover costs for an additional plant inspector to examine sawmill operations, survey areas for EAB and ALB infestations, and to conduct related duties.

EXPLANATION OF MUNICIPAL IMPACT OF REGULATION: Municipalities should not experience any fiscal impact from the modification or adoption of these regulations.