

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025-2026 SIMULATION SESSION

SENATE BILL

NO 37

Introduced by Senator Henry Stern

October 1, 2025

Permanent ban on pesticide coded seeds.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SB 37, as introduced, Stern. Ban the seeds.

Existing law, Food and Agriculture Code section 52484, is unlawful for anyone to ship, deliver, transport or sell agricultural or vegetable seeds that can be poisonous or toxic to human beings or animals unless there is a tag or label on a separate tag or label attached to each container.

This bill beginning January 1, 2028, would let there be a permanent ban on coded seeds that can be poisonous or toxic to human beings or animals, or soils, the United States Environmental Protection Agency would need to be on stand to make sure these seeds can’t harm our ecosystems and harm our bodies.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency would have to work with local farmers in their farm or farmer markets to make sure there is no coded seed being sold that can harm human beings or animals or our soil.

There will be a new program BCS (ban coded seeds) which would grant 5 million dollars in total to non-profit, grassroots organizations, or other small organizations to target companies that are looking to still push coded seeds.

Vote: majority Appropriation: yes Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. “Coded seeds”**

- (a) “Coded seeds” are crop seeds that are contaminated with pesticides
- (b) These seeds are then pollinated by our bees and can kill up to 80,000 bees with just one and kill a songbird

**SEC. 2. United States environmental protection Agency working with local farmers**

- (a) The United States environmental protection Agency is an agency better known as the EPA which is an independent agency whose primary focus is to protect human health and the environment.
- (b) They would have to work with local farmers letting them know which seeds can not be used in their fields because it can contaminate soil or even worse animals may eat the contaminated food which can kill them.

**SEC. 3. Granting 5 million dollars total to non-profit, grassroots organizations, or other small organizations**

- (a) “non-profit” organizations are organizations that work only for the public or social benefit
- (b) “grassroots” organization, grassroots organizations are community driven groups that advocate for change such as in social and environmental problems
- (c) These organizations are always advocating on issues, and they push the message more onto the community than politicians can at times, as well as can help people get involved more.

**SEC.4.** It is unlawful to have these coded seeds being legal to be sold even if they have a label, people will get desperate and buy these harmful seeds that can hurt others or even worse our environment, local organizations and The United States Environmental Protection agency would have to work together to keep these harmful seeds away and be permanently gone.