Iowa legislatures join three other states considering ban on pesticide manufacturer lawsuits for alleged health issues if chemical labels are EPA approved

As cancer rates rise in Iowa, the Iowa Senate is considering a bill that would prevent people from suing manufacturers of pesticides—a product linked to increased cancer risk—for not providing adequate warning labels on products.

SF 2412 would prevent Iowans from being able to sue pesticide manufacturers if the product’s label was approved by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or complies with other various federal policies.

Similar legislation is being considered in Florida, Idaho, and Missouri.

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[Republican Iowa Senator Jeff] Edler said this bill is needed because the EPA controls the labels of the pesticides and because there is disagreement on glyphosate’s links to cancer.

“We are trying to prevent what I’m going to call frivolous lawsuits and a loophole that has been used to sue with no cause,” he said.

A majority of the Roundup lawsuits have involved farmers and others, such as groundskeepers, who use weed killers regularly as part of their job duties.

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