HAVE YOU HEARD THE BUZZ?
PASS THE
POLLINATOR PROTECTION
ACT 2015

The growing and widespread use of neonicotinoid pesticides (aka “neonics”) is a major contributor to the decline of honey bees, and they can also harm other pollinators, birds and aquatic life.\(^1\)

### Unsustainable Losses

- **Beekeepers have lost about** 30\% or more of their hives **each year** since 2006\(^2\)
- **In 2012, Maryland beekeepers lost nearly** 50\% of their hives.

### Vital to Our Food Supply

- Bees pollinate 71 of the 100 crops that make up 90\% of the world’s food supply.\(^3\)

### Marylanders Want Action

The Pollinator Protection Act of 2015 would label nursery plants treated with toxic, bee-killing pesticides and restrict their consumer use. Marylanders overwhelmingly support this bill.*

- **81\%** of Maryland voters support labeling plants treated with neonics
- **78\%** support restricting consumer use of neonics

### Take Action Today!

Visit www.smartonpesticides.org

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\(^3\) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. [http://www.fao.org/ag/magazine/0512sp1.htm](http://www.fao.org/ag/magazine/0512sp1.htm)

* Based on an OpinionWorks telephone survey of 562 randomly selected Maryland registered voters, December 11-13, 2014, with a potential sampling error of no more than ± 4.1 percent at the 95\% confidence level.