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House of Representatives, January 9, 2019

An Act To Change the Composition of the Board of Pesticides Control

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, DUNPHY of Old Town, HALL of Wilton, HICKMAN of Winthrop, INGWERSEN of Arundel, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, O'NEIL of Saco, Senator: BLACK of Franklin.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1471-B, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 119, §1 and
3 affected by §2 and amended by c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended to read:

4 **1. Board established.** The Board of Pesticides Control is established by Title 5,
5 section 12004-D, subsection 3, within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and
6 Forestry. Except as provided in this chapter, the board must be composed of 7 members,
7 appointed by the Governor, subject to approval by the joint standing committee of the
8 Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters and confirmation by the Senate.
9 To provide the knowledge and experience necessary for carrying out the duties of the
10 board, the board must consist of the following members: one person with practical
11 experience and knowledge regarding the agricultural use of chemicals; one person who
12 has practical experience and knowledge regarding the use of chemicals in forest
13 management; one person from the medical community; a scientist from the University of
14 Maine System having practical experience and expertise in integrated pest management;
15 one commercial applicator; and 2 persons appointed to represent the public. The 2
16 members appointed to represent the public must have a demonstrated interest in
17 environmental protection and represent different geographic areas of the State. The term
18 must be for 4 years, except that of the initial appointees, 2 ~~shall~~ serve 4-year terms, 2
19 ~~shall~~ serve 3-year terms, 2 ~~shall~~ serve 2-year terms and one ~~shall serve~~ serves a one-year
20 term. Any vacancy must be filled by an appointment for the remainder of the unexpired
21 term.

22 **Sec. 2. Application.** This Act does not require the terms of members serving on
23 the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control
24 on the effective date of this Act to be terminated.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill restores the requirement that the 2 public members of the Department of
27 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control have a demonstrated
28 interest in environmental protection. The change does not require the termination of the
29 terms of current members of the board.