

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 900

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7 H.P. 709

House of Representatives, February 28, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and  
9 ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Michael of Auburn.  
Cosponsor: Senator Wood of York.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Amend the Composition of the  
18 Board of Pesticides Control.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 22 MRSA §1471-B, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1981,  
23 c. 470, Pt. A, §66, is further amended to read:

24 1. Board established. There is established  
25 within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural  
26 Resources a Board of Pesticides Control. The board  
27 shall be composed of 7 members, appointed by the Gov-  
28 ernor, subject to approval by the joint standing com-  
29 mittee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
30 the subject of agriculture and confirmation by the  
31 Legislature. To provide the knowledge and experience  
32 necessary for carrying out the duties of the board,  
33 one person shall be appointed who has practical expe-  
34 rience and knowledge in chemical use in the field of

1 agriculture, one who has practical experience and  
2 knowledge in chemical use in the field of forest man-  
3 agement, a commercial applicator, a person from the  
4 medical community, a scientist from the University of  
5 Maine specializing in agronomy or entomology, a  
6 person with practical experience and knowledge in the  
7 protection of natural resources, a person with prac-  
8 tical knowledge of biological methods of pest control  
9 and 2 persons appointed to represent the public. The  
10 public members shall be selected to represent differ-  
11 ent economic or geographic areas of the State. The  
12 term shall be for 4 years, except that of the initial  
13 appointees, 2 shall serve 4-year terms, 2 shall serve  
14 3-year terms, 2 shall serve 2-year terms and one  
15 shall serve a one-year term. Any vacancy shall be  
16 filled by an appointment for the remainder of the  
17 unexpired term.

18 STATEMENT OF FACT

19 This bill strengthens the ability of the Board of  
20 Pesticides Control to achieve its purposes, as set  
21 forth in Title 22, section 1471-A. The bill specifies  
22 that the threat to public health and safety from the  
23 use of chemical pesticides can often be reduced or  
24 eliminated by substituting biological methods. The  
25 bill improves the ability of the board to assess and  
26 promulgate these low-risk alternatives and ensures  
27 that the board will have at least one member with  
28 broad knowledge and experience in protecting the  
29 soil, water and air of the State.

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