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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator EMERSON of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator KANY of Kennebec, Representative PINES of Limestone and Representative NUTTING of Leeds.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act to Enhance the Integrated Pest Management Capabilities of Agriculture in
Maine.



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

3 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

5	<u>2-A. Agricul-</u>	<u>Integrated Pest</u>	<u>Expenses Only</u>	<u>7 MRSA</u>
6	<u>ture</u>	<u>Management Advis-</u>		<u>§2402</u>
7		<u>ory Committee</u>		

9 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA c. 413 is enacted to read:

11 CHAPTER 413

13 INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

15 §2401. Integrated Pest Management Fund

17 1. Creation of fund. There is created a fund, to be known
18 as the Integrated Pest Management Fund, to which shall be
19 credited funds received by the commissioner from any source for
20 the development and implementation of an expanded and improved
21 integrated pest management program. As to any revenue received
22 from General Fund appropriations, the following limitations apply.

23 A. A minimum of 60% of such revenues shall be granted to
24 the Cooperative Extension Service after an agreement upon a
25 plan of work is reached by both the commissioner and the
26 Assistant Vice President for the Cooperative Extension
27 Service. In no event may grant funds be used for purposes
28 outside the strict scope of the grant, including defrayal of
29 overhead and administrative costs of the grant recipient.

30 B. A minimum of 5% shall be used by the Bureau of
31 Agricultural Production for a new crop pest survey and
32 biocontrol program, after submission to and approval by the
33 commissioner of a plan of work.

34 C. A minimum of 5% shall be used to fund grants made to
35 examine the feasibility of, or otherwise promote, the
36 involvement of the private sector in the development or
37 implementation of integrated pest management programs in the
38 State.

39 D. A minimum of 20% shall be used for the purpose of
40 funding grants for integrated pest management research and
41 demonstration projects, and such funds may be used in
42 support of graduate student programs and stipends. In no
43 event may grant funds be used for purposes outside the
44 strict scope of the grant, including defrayal of overhead
45 and administrative costs of the grant recipient.

46 Of the remaining portion of the General Fund appropriation,
47 together with any unexpended portions of the funds specified in

1 paragraphs A to D, the commissioner after receiving the advice of
2 the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee, as established
3 in section 2402, may expend sums for publications, educational
4 efforts and other purposes consistent with this section,
5 including the awarding of additional grants to the Cooperative
6 Extension Service, the further expenditure of funds by the Bureau
7 of Agricultural Production for the new crop pest survey and
8 biocontrol program or additional grants under paragraphs C or D.

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10 2. Reporting requirements. At least annually, all grant
11 recipients must submit to the commissioner written reports
12 outlining major accomplishments attributable to the grants and
13 otherwise outlining the details of the expenditure of the grant
14 funds.

15 §2402. Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee

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17 1. Establishment; membership. The Integrated Pest
18 Management Advisory Committee, as established by Title 5, section
19 12004-I, shall consist of 8 members who shall be jointly
20 appointed by the commissioner and the Assistant Vice President
21 for the Cooperative Extension Service. Two members shall be
22 members of organizations that represent farmers generally, but
23 neither organization may be limited by commodity; one member
24 shall represent the interest of an environmental organization;
25 one member shall be a county agent from the Cooperative Extension
26 Service; one member shall be a division director or staff level
27 employee of the Bureau of Agricultural Production; and 3 members
28 shall be representatives from private sector businesses currently
29 practicing or having the potential to adopt integrated pest
30 management techniques.

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32 2. Duties of committee. The Integrated Pest Management
33 Advisory Committee shall:

34 A. Consider and study integrated pest management techniques;

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36 B. Assess the need for integrated pest management work with
37 respect to particular pests, particular commodities and the
38 extent to which a reduction in the use of synthetic
39 pesticides can be realized;

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41 C. Study and evaluate proposals for funding under the
42 Integrated Pest Management Fund;

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44 D. Advise the commissioner with regard to the funding of
45 grant proposals and to all other topics relevant to the
46 field of integrated pest management;

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48 E. Evaluate the need for education, including public and
49 consumer education; and
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1 F. Advise the Cooperative Extension Service on the
2 development of its plan of work.

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4 3. Powers of committee. The Integrated Pest Management
5 Advisory Committee may:

6 A. Conduct forums, seminars or meetings;

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8 B. Publish or broadcast information or otherwise promote
9 integrated pest management methods; and

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11 C. Expend sums as approved by the commissioner for the
12 purposes set forth in this chapter.

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14 4. Meetings. The committee shall meet 4 times per year and
15 may hold additional meetings upon joint request by the
16 commissioner and the Assistant Vice President for the Cooperative
17 Extension Service. Committee members shall receive reimbursement
18 for expenses only.

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22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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24 Integrated Pest Management, or IPM, is a system which
25 combines all available pest control techniques to maintain pest
26 populations below economically damaging levels. Control methods
27 include cultural, biological, chemical and physical practices,
28 which are integrated into a management system to prevent crop
29 damage in a safe, economical and effective manner while
30 maintaining the quality of agricultural products:

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32 The use of integrated pest management provides a number of
33 benefits to the citizens of the State. IPM improves the
34 profitability of the State's agricultural industries by
35 determining whether pest populations are high enough to justify
36 pesticide applications and by improving the timing of such
37 applications. IPM also reduces the exposure to the State's
38 environment of unnecessary pesticide applications, thereby
39 protecting groundwater supplies and reducing the chance of
40 unplanned pesticide deposits. IPM also ensures that high quality
41 agricultural products can be profitably produced by Maine farmers
42 with minimum use of pesticides.

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44 This bill creates an Integrated Pest Management Fund to
45 develop and implement an expanded and improved integrated pest
46 management program. It provides funds to implement IPM programs,
47 to conduct research and demonstration projects on new IPM
48 techniques and to examine the feasibility of private sector
49 involvement in IPM programs. The bill also creates an Integrated
50 Pest Management Advisory Committee to advise the commissioner on
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1 the awarding of research and private sector grants and to advise
the Cooperative Extension Service, which would significantly
3 expand the size and scope of its current IPM involvement, on the
development of its plan of work. Finally, the bill establishes
5 reporting requirements of grant recipients.