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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 432, L.D. 574, Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Chemical Substance Identification Law"

Amend the bill in Part B by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. B-2. 22 MRSA §1471-M, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1987, c. 660, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Hazard communication and community right to know. The board shall assist the Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards in providing education and training to aid agricultural employers in complying with the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements for hazard communication and shall assist the responsible state agencies in providing education and training to aid agricultural employers in complying with the federal requirements for emergency and hazardous chemical inventory forms and community right-to-know reporting.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

The Bureau of Labor Standards in the Department of Labor will realize some minor administrative savings from the repeal of the chemical substance identification law.'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the Board of Pesticide Control is not responsible for enforcement inspections under the chemical substance identification law, since that law is repealed by the bill. It also clarifies that the board must assist the Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards in providing training and education to agricultural employers, rather than giving the board sole responsibility to provide that education and training. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.