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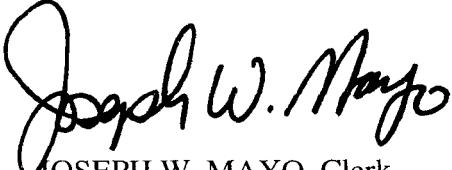
H.P. 1729

House of Representatives, January 10, 2000

An Act to Implement the State Policy to Minimize Reliance on Pesticides.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KNEELAND of Easton.
Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook and
Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, O'NEAL of
Limestone, SIROIS of Caribou, TESSIER of Fairfield, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2404** is enacted to read:

6 **§2404. Integrated Pest Management Research Fund**

8 **1. Fund established.** The Integrated Pest Management Research Fund, referred to in this section as the "fund," is established as a dedicated, nonlapsing fund.

10 **2. Permissible uses.** The commissioner shall use the fund in accordance with a plan required under subsection 3 for research and to promote the principles and the implementation of integrated pest management and other technology to minimize the reliance on pesticides.

12 **3. Plan required.** Beginning in calendar year 2001, the commissioner shall by February 1st of each year present a plan for expenditures from the fund for the next fiscal year to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters.

14 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

16 **2000-01**

18 **AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES,**
20 **DEPARTMENT OF**

22 **Integrated Pest Management Research Fund**

24 All Other \$150,000

26 Provides funds to be used for integrated
28 pest management research and programs.

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill appropriates \$150,000 to the Board of Pesticides
34 Control to be used to establish an Integrated Pest Management
36 Research Fund.