

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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Legislative Document

No. 1540

S.P. 476

In Senate, March 8, 2001

**An Act to Ensure that the State Board of Pesticides Control has Sufficient Resources to Provide Accurate Information About the Use of Pesticides in the State.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative PINEAU of Jay and  
Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, KNEELAND of Aroostook, Representatives: CARR of  
Lincoln, McKEE of Wayne, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, VOLENIK of Brooklin.

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1471-M, sub-§7,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 724, §1, is further amended to read:

**7. Data collection; annual report.** The board shall implement a system of record keeping, reporting, data collection and analysis that provides information on the quantity of product and brand names of pesticides sold. The board, in cooperation with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service, shall study ways to improve pesticide information data bases and to optimize the useful analysis of reported information.

~~No later than October 1, 1998, and each year thereafter, the board shall publish an annual pesticides report containing~~ On January 15, 2002, and annually thereafter, the board shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over board matters on the quantity of product, sorted by the name and United States Environmental Protection Agency registration number, of all pesticides sold in the prior year, with the data further sorted by sector of use wherever possible, except that the pesticides report under this subsection is not required in the years 2000 and 2001. The report shall provide a thorough review of all commercial and noncommercial uses of pesticide products in the State and shall clearly identify the purpose of those uses, the environmental and economic impacts and benefits of those uses and the current safety precautions and restrictions required of users under all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

**Sec. 2. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
<b>AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>Board of Pesticides Control</b>		
Positions - Legislative Count	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$29,915	\$40,805
All Other	4,375	2,500
Allocates funds from Other Special Revenue to fund a Planning and Research Associate I position in the State Board of Pesticides		

2 Control to collect data and  
perform analyses necessary to  
4 produce the annual report  
required under the Maine  
6 Revised Statutes, Title 22,  
section 1471-M, subsection 7.

8 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD**  
**AND RURAL RESOURCES**  
10 **TOTAL** \$34,290 \$43,305

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### SUMMARY

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16 This bill amends the annual reporting requirements of the  
State Board of Pesticides Control to require that report to be  
18 submitted each January 15th to the joint standing committee of  
the Legislature having jurisdiction over board matters. The  
20 contents of the report are expanded to include a thorough review  
of all commercial and noncommercial uses of pesticide products in  
the State and identification of the purpose of those uses, the  
22 environmental and economic impacts and benefits of those uses and  
the current safety precautions and restrictions required of users  
24 under all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. The  
bill also creates a Planning and Research Associate I position  
26 within the State Board of Pesticides Control to implement the  
record-keeping system and produce the annual report. That  
28 position is funded from the board's dedicated revenue account.