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An Act to Amend the Integrated Pest Management Laws.

Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela L. Cahill".

PAMELA L. CAHILL
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KNEELAND of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative McKEE of Wayne and
Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln, Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, FOSTER of Gray,
HAWES of Standish, PINEAU of Jay.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§22-A** is enacted to read:

6 22-A. Integrated Expenses 7 MRSA
Agriculture Pest Only §2404
8 Management
Council

10 **Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §2402**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 251, Pt. B,
12 §2, is repealed.

14 **Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §§2404 and 2405** are enacted to read:

16 **§2404. Integrated Pest Management Council**

18 **1. Establishment; meetings.** The Integrated Pest Management
Council, referred to in this section as the "council," as
established in Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 22-A, is
created within the department and is administered jointly by the
department and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Pest
Management Office. Members of the council must be jointly
appointed by the commissioner and the Director of the University
of Maine Cooperative Extension. The council must meet at least 2
times a year. Members are entitled to reimbursement for expenses
only in accordance with Title 5, chapter 379.

28 **2. Membership.** The council consists of the following 11
members:

30 A. Three members representing agricultural pest management;

32 B. One member representing a citizen interest organization;

34 C. One member representing the interest of forestry;

36 D. One member representing organic growers and producers;

38 E. One member representing structural pest management;

40 F. One member representing rights-of-way vegetation
42 management;

44 G. One member representing turf or landscape management;

46 H. One member representing a nonprofit environmental
48 organization; and

50 I. One member representing integrated pest management
research.

2 3. Term of office. The term of office for members is 3
3 years except that, of the original members appointed, the
4 appointing authority shall appoint members to serve one-year,
2-year and 3-year terms to establish staggered terms.

6 4. Coordinators. The commissioner and the Director of the
7 University of Maine Cooperative Extension shall each appoint one
8 member of the council to serve as a cocoordinator of the council.

10 5. Duties; responsibilities. The council shall facilitate,
11 promote, expand and enhance integrated pest management adoption
12 in all sectors of pesticide use and pest management within the
13 State. Specifically, the council shall:

16 A. Identify long-term and short-term priorities for
17 integrated pest management research, education,
18 demonstration and implementation;

20 B. Serve as a communication link for the development of
21 coordinated multidisciplinary partnerships among
22 researchers, educators, regulators, policymakers and
23 integrated pest management users;

24 C. Identify funding sources and cooperate on obtaining new
25 funding for on-site trials, education and training programs
26 and other efforts to meet identified goals for expanding,
27 advancing and implementing integrated pest management;

30 D. Establish measurable goals for expansion of integrated
31 pest management into new sectors and advancing the level of
32 integrated pest management adoption in sectors where
33 integrated pest management is already practiced; and

34 E. Cooperate with appropriate organizations to establish
35 protocols for measuring and documenting integrated pest
36 management adoption in the State.

38 6. Report. The council shall report to the joint standing
39 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
40 agricultural matters annually on all of the council's activities
41 during the year.

44 §2405. Integrated Pest Management Fund

46 There is created a dedicated, nonlapsing Integrated Pest
47 Management Fund. The commissioner shall credit funds from any
48 source to the Integrated Pest Management Fund for the purpose of
49 developing and implementing integrated pest management programs.

SUMMARY

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4 This bill establishes the Integrated Pest Management Council
to facilitate, promote, expand and enhance the adoption of
integrated pest management in the State.