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An Act To Increase the Number of Members on the Board of Pesticides Control

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

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 28, 2005. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SULLIVAN of York.

Cosponsored by Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representative: PIOTTI of Unity.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1471-B, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1991, c.
4 376, §45, is further amended to read:

6 **1. Board established.** The Board of Pesticides Control is
7 established by Title 5, section 12004-D, subsection 3, within the
8 Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. Except as
9 provided in this chapter, the board must be composed of 7 9
10 members, appointed by the Governor, subject to approval by the
11 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
12 over agricultural matters and confirmation by the Legislature.
13 To provide the knowledge and experience necessary for carrying
14 out the duties of the board, the board must consist of the
15 following members: one person with practical experience and
16 knowledge regarding the agricultural use of chemicals; one person
17 who has practical experience and knowledge regarding the use of
18 chemicals in forest management; one person representing a
19 statewide association of structural pest management operators;
20 one person from the medical community; a scientist from the
21 University of Maine System specializing in agronomy or entomology
22 having practical experience and knowledge of integrated pest
23 management; one commercial applicator; and 2 3 persons appointed
24 to represent the public. ~~The--2~~ Two members appointed to
25 represent the public must have ~~a-demonstrated-interest~~ practical
26 experience and knowledge in environmental protection and
27 represent different geographic areas of the State. One member
28 appointed to represent the public must represent a statewide
29 business association. The term must be for 4 years, except that
30 of the initial appointees, 2 shall serve 4-year terms, 2 shall
31 serve 3-year terms, 2 shall serve 2-year terms and one shall
32 serve a one-year term. Any vacancy must be filled by an
33 appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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SUMMARY

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39 This bill adds 2 members to the Board of Pesticides Control,
40 for a total of 9 members. The board currently has 2 members who
41 are pesticides experts, one in agriculture and one in forestry.
42 The bill adds an expert in structural pest management. The board
43 currently has 2 members of the public who have a demonstrated
44 interest in environmental protection. To be consistent with
45 qualifications for other members of the board, the bill requires
46 that these 2 members have practical experience and knowledge in
environmental protection. Finally, the bill adds a member of the
public representing a statewide business association.