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House of Representatives, February 7, 2011

An Act To Change the Qualifications of Certain Members of the Board of Pesticides Control

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1471-B, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 466, Pt. B, §17,
3 is further amended to read:

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

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill expands the specialty areas in which the scientist member of the Department
27 of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Board of Pesticides Control may specialize
28 and also specifies that one public member must have practical experience and knowledge
29 of pesticides use in ornamental horticulture and urban landscapes.