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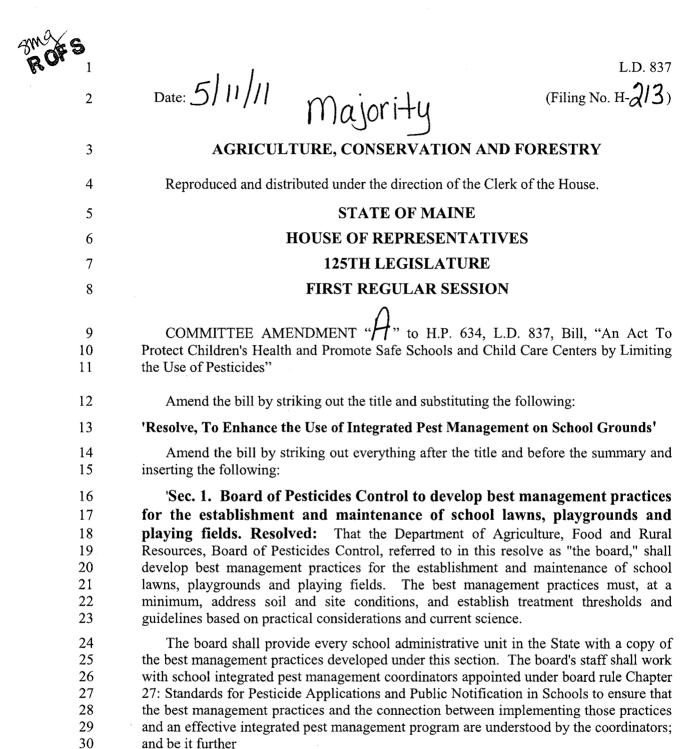
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Sec. 2. Assessment of compliance with rule for use of pesticides in schools and on school grounds. Resolved: That the board shall assess compliance with board rule Chapter 27: Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in Schools. In conducting the assessment, the board shall focus particular attention on the processes used to determine the need for pest control and the selection of appropriate products under an integrated pest management system; and be it further

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to H.P. 634, L.D. 837

Sec. 3. Reports to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Resolved: That, no later than February 1, 2012, the board shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry on actions taken under this resolve. The report must include a copy of the best management practices developed for the establishment and maintenance of school lawns, playgrounds and athletic fields, findings from the assessment of school compliance under section 2 and any recommendations, including amendments to board rules if appropriate, for minimizing the use of pesticides in schools and on school grounds.

No later than February 1, 2014, the board shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over pesticides regulation matters on continuing efforts to educate and work with schools to minimize the use of pesticides.'

12 SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. It replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Board of Pesticides Control to develop and disseminate best management practices for the establishment and maintenance of school lawns, playgrounds and athletic fields. It directs the board to assess compliance with regulation of pesticides use in schools and on school grounds and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than February 1, 2012. It requires a follow-up report to the legislative committee of jurisdiction in 2014.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 837

LR 1178(02)

An Act To Protect Children's Health and Promote Safe Schools and Child Care Centers by Limiting the Use of Pesticides

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "\(\hbar \)"

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources associated with developing and disseminating best management practices for the establishment and maintenance of school lawns, playgrounds and athletic fields can be absorbed with existing staff and within existing budgeted resources.