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House of Representatives, March 26, 2015

An Act To Protect Populations of Bees and Other Pollinators

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, HICKMAN of Winthrop, SAUCIER of Presque Isle.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 417** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 417**

4 **LABELING AND ADVERTISING OF PLANTS**

5 **§2441. Pollinator protection**

6 **1. Definition.** As used in this section, "insecticide lethal to pollinators" means a
7 product that has a detectable level of systemic insecticide that:

8 A. Has a pollinator protection box on the label; or

9 B. Has a precautionary statement concerning pollinators, bees or honeybees in the
10 environmental hazards section of the insecticide product label.

11 "Insecticide lethal to pollinators" includes, but is not limited to, the neonicotinoid class of
12 insecticides that affect the central nervous system of pollinators and may cause pollinator
13 paralysis or death.

14 **2. Prohibition.** A person may not label or advertise an annual plant, bedding plant
15 or other plant, plant material or nursery stock as beneficial to pollinators if the annual
16 plant, bedding plant or other plant, plant material or nursery stock has been treated with
17 an insecticide lethal to pollinators.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill prohibits labeling or advertising an annual plant, bedding plant or other
20 plant, plant material or nursery stock as beneficial to pollinators if the plant or material
21 has been treated with an insecticide absorbed by a plant that makes the plant lethal to
22 pollinators.