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Amendment Name: Amendment CB (H-859) (LD 2083 2020)

Date: 8/27/2020



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**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
129TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1484, L.D. 2083, Bill, “An Act To Require the Board of Pesticides Control To Annually Publish Certain Information Regarding Pesticides and To Prohibit Certain Uses of Neonicotinoids”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control To Establish an Environmental Risk Advisory Committee To Assess Neonicotinoids'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Environmental risk advisory committee; neonicotinoids. Resolved:** That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control shall establish an environmental risk advisory committee, referred to in this section as "the committee," to evaluate the environmental risks associated with the use of neonicotinoids, particularly the impact the use of neonicotinoids has on pollinator species, including, but not limited to, native Maine bee species and other insect pollinators and bird species.

**1. Duties.** The committee shall, at a minimum, evaluate the environmental risks associated with the use of neonicotinoids on the following:

- A. Lethal and sublethal effects and exposure risk to all native Maine bee species, including bumblebees and solitary bees, as well as honeybees regulated by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 2701;
- B. Lethal and sublethal effects and exposure risk to other insect pollinators and bird species; and
- C. The United States Environmental Protection Agency's proposed interim decision on neonicotinoids issued in January 2020 and subsequent actions taken by the Federal Government.

**2. Report.** The department shall submit an interim report of the committee no later than March 1, 2021 and a final report no later than February 1, 2022 with findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters. Following receipt and review of  
2 the final report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
3 agricultural matters may submit a bill concerning the subject matter of the report to the  
4 Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

5 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following  
6 appropriations and allocations are made.

7 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**  
8 **Pesticides Control - Board of 0287**

9 Initiative: Provides an allocation for one Toxicologist position, contracted staffing,  
10 environmental sampling and literature review.

11	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
12	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
13	Personal Services	\$0	\$30,000
14	All Other	\$0	\$73,540
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16	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$103,540</u>
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18 **SUMMARY**

19 This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment directs the Department  
20 of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control to establish an  
21 environmental risk advisory committee to evaluate the environmental risks associated  
22 with the use of neonicotinoids, particularly the impact the use of neonicotinoids has on  
23 pollinator species, including, but not limited to, native Maine bee species and other insect  
24 pollinators and bird species. The advisory committee is required to submit an interim  
25 report by March 2021 and a final report by February 2022 with findings and  
26 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
27 over agricultural matters. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
28 jurisdiction over agricultural matters has the authority to submit a bill relating to the  
29 subject matter of the report during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

30 The amendment also provides funding necessary to carry out the requirements of this  
31 legislation.

32 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

33 **(See attached)**



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2083

LR 3083(03)

## An Act To Require the Board of Pesticides Control To Annually Publish Certain Information Regarding Pesticides and To Prohibit Certain Uses of Neonicotinoids

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "  
Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$103,540	\$231,520	\$88,520

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill directs the Board of Pesticides Control (BPC), within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, to establish an environmental risk advisory committee to assess the environmental risks associated with the use of neonicotinoids and complete a final report of their findings by February 1, 2022. The BPC has indicated that it will require additional staffing to complete these tasks. The bill includes additional allocations of \$103,540 to the BPC to allow expenditure of existing resources for one toxicologist, contracted staffing, environmental sampling and literature review. The impact of these new unfunded costs on other programs in the BPC cannot be determined at this time.