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An Act To Require Schools To Submit Pest Management Activity Logs to the Board of Pesticides Control and the Posting of Inspection Results for the Purpose of Providing Information to the Public

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 22, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Representatives: McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, O'NEIL of Saco.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1471-CC is enacted to read:

§1471-CC. School pesticide data collection; public posting

A school shall maintain and provide to the board by January 15th of each year a pest management activity log for the previous calendar year that includes a list of pesticide applications on school property. The log must include the date and location of each application, the species of pest being managed, the trade name of the pesticide applied, the United States Environmental Protection Agency registration number if the pesticide is subject to registration, the name and license or certification number of the applicator and other pertinent information required by the board by rule to be included in the log. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

The board shall post on its publicly accessible website all information provided by each school under this section. The board shall also post and maintain on its publicly accessible website a current list of all board inspections pursuant to section 1471-H of pesticide use by each school and the results of those inspections.

For purposes of this section, "school" means a public, private or tribally funded kindergarten, elementary school, secondary school or nursery school that is part of an elementary or secondary school.

20 SUMMARY

This bill establishes in law certain requirements of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control related to pest management on school property. It requires a school to maintain a pest management activity log related to the application of pesticides. It requires this information to be provided annually to the board and requires the board to post the information on its publicly accessible website. It also requires that the board post on its publicly accessible website a list of all board inspections of a school's use of pesticides and the results of those inspections.