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**Report to the Joint Standing Committee on
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
130th Maine State Legislature**

**Pursuant to 7 M.R.S. § 607(6), Grants Funded,
Adequacy of the Product Registration Fee**

**Submitted by the
Maine Board of Pesticides Control
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INTRODUCTION

7 M.R.S. § 607(6) requires the Maine Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) to monitor revenue and expenditures in the Pesticide Control Fund and provide an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation, and forestry by February 15. The report must detail any grants provided by the BPC and include a recommendation about whether the pesticide product registration fee is adequate to fund the operation of the BPC and related programs and to fund the annual grants outlined under 7 M.R.S. § 607(6).

SUMMARY OF GRANTS PROVIDED AND ADEQUACY OF THE FEE FOR ALL PURPOSES

In 2021, the BPC provided the following grants:

- the annual legislature transfer to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension of \$135,000 pursuant to Title 7 Section 607(6);
- the annual legislative transfer to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension of \$65,000 pursuant to Title 7 Section 607(6);
- a \$50,000 grant to the Maine CDC for mosquito-borne disease surveillance pursuant to Title 7 Section 607(6);
- a \$10,780 grant to the Integrated Pest Management Program for mosquito-borne disease surveillance and habitat modeling/mapping pursuant to Title 7 Section 607(6); and
- a grant to the Maine Mobile Health Program for \$6,432 for providing pesticide safety training to migrant farmworkers.

CURRENT HEALTH OF THE PESTICIDES CONTROL FUND

Funding appears adequate to provide the annual legislative transfers to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension by April 1, 2022. Whether any additional grants may be funded during the 2022 calendar year has yet to be determined.

ADEQUACY OF THE PESTICIDE PRODUCT REGISTRATION FEE

Maine's pesticide product registration fee is slightly higher than the national average, while the population and market potential are below the national average. The fee appears adequate to fund Department programs, the two legislative transfers, and three grant areas outlined in Title 7 Section 607(6) for at least the following year. While no change in the fee is recommended at this time, increasing programmatic costs will require a fee change in the next two years.