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An Act To Require a Commercial Applicator's License To Use Pesticides in Food-handling Establishments

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1471-C, sub-§5-A, as amended by PL 1987, c. 243, §2, is further amended to read:

5-A. Custom application. "Custom application" means ~~any~~an application of ~~any~~a pesticide under contract or for which compensation is received ~~or any~~, an application of a pesticide to a property open to use by the public or an application of a pesticide in a food-handling establishment.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1471-C, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:

9-A. Food-handling establishment. "Food-handling establishment" means a commercial, governmental or institutional facility, other than a private residence, where food is routinely stored, processed, prepared or served for human consumption, either on or off premises, including restaurants, cafeterias, delicatessens, warehouses, catering establishments, summer camps, campgrounds and food processing plants. "Food-handling establishment" does not include nonprofit organizations or persons engaged in fund-raising or booster activities.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a person applying pesticides anywhere in a food-handling establishment to have a commercial applicator license.