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### **An Act To Change the Qualifications of Certain Members of the Board of Pesticides Control**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1471-B, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 466, Pt. B, §17,  
3 is further amended to read:

4 **1. Board established.** The Board of Pesticides Control is established by Title 5,  
5 section 12004-D, subsection 3, within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural  
6 Resources. Except as provided in this chapter, the board must be composed of 7  
7 members, appointed by the Governor, subject to approval by the joint standing committee  
8 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters and confirmation by the  
9 Senate. To provide the knowledge and experience necessary for carrying out the duties  
10 of the board, the board must consist of the following members: one person with practical  
11 experience and knowledge regarding the agricultural use of chemicals; one person who  
12 has practical experience and knowledge regarding the use of chemicals in forest  
13 management; one person from the medical community; a scientist from the University of  
14 Maine System specializing in agronomy ~~or~~, entomology or plant pathology having  
15 practical experience and knowledge of integrated pest management; one commercial  
16 applicator; and 2 persons appointed to represent the public. ~~The 2 members~~ One member  
17 appointed to represent the public must have a demonstrated interest in environmental  
18 protection and one member appointed to represent the public must have practical  
19 experience and knowledge of pesticide use in ornamental horticulture and urban  
20 landscapes. The 2 members representing the public must represent different geographic  
21 areas of the State. The term must be for 4 years, except that of the initial appointees, 2  
22 shall serve 4-year terms, 2 shall serve 3-year terms, 2 shall serve 2-year terms and one  
23 shall serve a one-year term. Any vacancy must be filled by an appointment for the  
24 remainder of the unexpired term.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill expands the specialty areas in which the scientist member of the Department  
27 of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Board of Pesticides Control may specialize  
28 and also specifies that one public member must have practical experience and knowledge  
29 of pesticides use in ornamental horticulture and urban landscapes.