



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-2025

Legislative Document

No. 1557

H.P. 1015

House of Representatives, April 10, 2025

An Act to Ensure Uniformity in the Regulation of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Pesticides

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT

Clerk

Presented by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COOPER of Windham, CRAY of Palmyra, DILL of Old Town, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HEPLER of Woolwich, JACKSON of Oxford, Senator: BERNARD of Aroostook.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §604, sub-§22-A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 673, §1, is amended to read:

22-A. Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances or PFAS. "Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS" has the same meaning as in ~~Title 32, section 1732, subsection 5-A~~ 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 705.3, as amended.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1614, sub-§5, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. Notwithstanding subsection 1, paragraph F, for purposes of the prohibition on the sale of pesticide products containing intentionally added PFAS under this subsection, "perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS" has the same meaning as in Title 7, section 604, subsection 22-A and "pesticide" has the same meaning as in Title 7, section 604, subsection 25.

SUMMARY

This bill changes the definition of "perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances," also referred to as PFAS, in the Maine Pesticide Control Act of 1975 to align with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's definition of "PFAS." The bill also applies this definition of PFAS for the purposes of the prohibition on the sale of pesticide products containing intentionally added PFAS.