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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 37, L.D. 36, Bill, “An Act To Change the Composition of the Board of Pesticides Control”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1471-B, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 119, §1 and affected by §2 and amended by c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended to read:

**1. Board established.** The Board of Pesticides Control is established by Title 5, section 12004-D, subsection 3, within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Except as provided in this chapter, the board must be composed of 7 members, appointed by the Governor, subject to approval by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters and confirmation by the Senate. To provide the knowledge and experience necessary for carrying out the duties of the board, the board must consist of the following members: one person with practical experience and knowledge regarding the agricultural use of chemicals; one person who has practical experience and knowledge regarding the use of chemicals in forest management; one person from the medical community; a scientist from the University of Maine System having practical experience and expertise in integrated pest management; one commercial applicator; and 2 persons appointed to represent the public. ~~The 2 members appointed to represent the public must represent different geographic areas of the State.~~ One of the members appointed to represent the public must have practical experience and knowledge of methods of sustainable management of indoor or outdoor pests. The term must be for 4 years, except that of the initial appointees, 2 shall serve 4-year terms, 2 shall serve 3-year terms, 2 shall serve 2-year terms and one shall serve serves a one-year term. Any vacancy must be filled by an appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report, strikes from the bill the requirement that the 2 public members of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control have a demonstrated interest in environmental protection and

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1 strikes from the law the requirement that these members represent different areas of the  
2 State. Instead, the amendment requires that one of the 2 public members have practical  
3 experience and knowledge of methods of sustainable management of indoor and outdoor  
4 pests.