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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 719, L.D. 975, Bill, “An Act To Require Certification of Private Applicators of General Use Pesticides”

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 22-A in paragraph A in the first line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "produced are" the following: 'plants or plant products'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2-D in the last line (page 1, line 17 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "applicator." the following: 'Additional certification under this section is not required for a person certified as a commercial applicator or a private applicator under subsection 1 or 2, respectively.'

Amend the bill in section 4 in the last line (page 1, line 30 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "subsection 2-D." the following: "The rules must require an initial certification examination and one hour per year of continuing education credits for recertification. Upon establishing certification requirements in rule, the board shall begin offering or arrange for the offering of courses and other opportunities to prepare applicators for the examination and to meet certification requirements. The board shall establish a license fee in rule that equals the license fee for a private applicator established in the board's rule in Chapter 32.

No later than April 1, 2012, the board shall begin outreach efforts to inform agricultural producers that, beginning April 1, 2015, a license will be required to apply general use pesticides for food production.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF
Pesticides Control - Board of 0287**

Initiative: Provides funding for one part-time Office Associate II position and related All Other to administer exams and training for farms.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2011-12	2012-13
2	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
3	Personal Services	\$31,127	\$32,086
4	All Other	\$251	\$251
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6	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$31,378	\$32,337
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8 Amend the bill in section 5 in the last line (page 1, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the
9 following: "2012" and inserting the following: '2015'

10 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
11 section number to read consecutively.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This amendment provides additional direction to the Department of Agriculture, Food
14 and Rural Resources, Board of Pesticides Control with regard to certification
15 requirements and license fees. It delays the certification requirement for private
16 applicators of general use pesticides for food production until April 1, 2015. It specifies
17 that a person certified as a commercial applicator or private applicator of restricted use
18 pesticides is not required to obtain additional certification to apply general use pesticides
19 for food production. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

20 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

21 (See attached)