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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 127, L.D. 145, Bill, “An Act To Expand the Membership of the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act Regarding the Membership of the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §4312, 2nd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 836, §9, is amended to read:

Current members of the advisory committee shall continue to serve for the duration of their current appointments. New appointments to the advisory committee shall must be for terms of 4 years, and ~~no appointee may be eligible for reappointment until the lapse of one year from the expiration of a previous appointment~~ members may be reappointed for additional terms.

**Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §4312-C, sub-§1, ¶D** is enacted to read:

D. An employee of the commission who leaves commission employment may not be a paid lobbyist as defined by Title 3, section 312-A, subsection 10 for a wild blueberry business for a period of one year after leaving commission employment.

**Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §4312-C, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 511, §21 and affected by §25 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §6, is further amended to read:

**2. Appointment.** Appointments to the commission are made by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The commissioner shall call for and consider nominations for grower representative appointments to the commission from the wild blueberry grower community in the State. The commissioner shall call for nominations by January 15th of any year in which a grower representative term will expire and shall announce the call for nominations at a statewide agricultural trade show held in Augusta in January.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



1 amendment clarifies the requirements governing grower representative members and  
2 processor representative members. The amendment prohibits former employees of the  
3 commission from serving as paid lobbyists for wild blueberry businesses for a period of  
4 one year following employment by the commission. The amendment also allows  
5 members of the University of Maine System Wild Blueberry Advisory Committee to be  
6 reappointed for additional terms.

7 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

8 **(See attached)**