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An Act To Amend the Membership Requirements of the Board of Pesticides Control

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Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, O'NEIL of Saco, SACHS of Freeport, WARREN of Scarborough, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, MAXMIN of Lincoln.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1471-B, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 192, §1, 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. ~~One of the~~ The 2 members appointed to represent the public must have ~~practical experience and knowledge of methods of sustainable management of indoor or outdoor pests a demonstrated interest in environmental protection and represent different geographic areas of the State.~~ The term must be for 4 years, except that of the initial appointees, 2 serve 4-year terms, 2 serve 3-year terms, 2 serve 2-year terms and one serves a one-year term. Any vacancy must be filled by an appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Sec. 2. Transition. The Governor shall appoint members of the board representing the public who meet the criteria of this Act within 60 days of the effective date of this Act. Notwithstanding the term limits of members of the board in section 1, a member of the board representing the public who does not meet the criteria for a member representing the public under section 1 serving on the effective date of this Act serves until the member's replacement has been confirmed by the Senate.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the membership requirements of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control pertaining to the 2 public members to return them to the requirements that existed before being amended by Public Law 2011, chapter 119.