

126th Maine Legislature Pesticide Related Bills

Document #	Title	Sponsor	Comments	Likely End Result
LD 292	An Act To Protect the Public Health from Mosquito-borne Diseases	Representative Gifford	Provides state authority to conduct public health related mosquito control programs Resolve 2013, Chapter 13 signed by governor 5/8/13.	Resolve directs the Department to submit a plan to ACF Committee by December 15, 2013 to protect the public health from mosquito-borne diseases.
LD 718	An Act to Protect Maine Food Consumers' Right To Know about Genetically Engineered Food and Seed Stock	Representative Harvell	Voted out of committee with a majority OTP Divided report	It's unclear how the full Legislature will vote on this bill.
LD 903	An Act To Enhance the Development and Implementation of Integrated Pest Management Programs	Representative Cray	This bill adds \$15 to the BPC product registration and allocates the proceeds to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. Voted out of committee OTP as amended	The amended bill increases the product registration fee \$10 to \$160/product and directs the BPC to fund certain other programs to the extent funds are available including \$135,000 annually to the University for IPM. Bill has not yet made it to the full Legislature.
LD 920	An Act To Prohibit Herbicide Spraying on Abandoned Rail Lines	Representative McLean	Prohibits the application of herbicides to state owned railroad track that is abandoned or discontinued. The full Legislature accepted the majority ONTP 5/8/13	Bill failed
LR 889	An Act To Eliminate the Use of Chemical Fertilizers, Pesticides and Herbicides on All State-funded Property	Representative Hickman		The bill may have been withdrawn
LD 961	An Act to Ensure Safe School Grounds	Representative Nelson	Restricts use of pesticides on school grounds to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Stinging or biting insects 2) Animals or insects that are a public health nuisance 3) On athletic fields if there is a 14 day reentry 4) On agricultural fields according to the label Voted out of committee ONTP Divided report	ONTP will likely prevail in the full Legislature
LR 1149	An Act To Extend the Restricted Use Pesticide Dealers License to 6 Years	Senator Saviello	Relates to concern that Dealer certification is 5 years while commercial applicators are 6	This bill may have been withdrawn
LR 1150	An Act To Allow an Exam for a Commercial Applicator of Pesticides To Be Given Orally	Senator Saviello	Relates to concern about Hispanic workers being uncomfortable taking commercial applicator exams.	This bill may have been withdrawn

LD 1391	An Act To Provide a Pesticide Spraying Notification Process	Senator Boyle	The bill directed the department to establish a voluntary, web-based registry covering aerial and airblast applications. Voted out of committee ONTP. Divided report	
LD 1430	An Act To Clarify the General Use Permit for Aquatic Pesticides	Senator Saviello	Allows the DEP to permit discharges of pesticides to pristine waters so that DEP may write a pesticide general permit Voted out of committee OTP Divided report	This bill will likely be enacted by the full Legislature.
LD 1531	An Act to Maintain Access to Safe Medical Marijuana	Senator Saviello	Bill allows producers of medical marijuana to use FIFRA 25b exempt products. Voted out of committee OTP Divided report	