An Act To Prohibit the Use of Chlorpyrifos

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Presented by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §606, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2005, c. 620, §5, is further amended to read:

E. A pesticide that is adulterated or misbranded or any device that is misbranded; or

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §606, sub-§1, ¶F, as amended by PL 2005, c. 620, §5, is further amended to read:

F. A pesticide in containers that are unsafe due to damage— or

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §606, sub-§1, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. Beginning January 1, 2022, a pesticide containing chlorpyrifos as an active ingredient.

Sec. 4. Temporary permit for use of pesticide containing chlorpyrifos. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 606, subsection 1, paragraph G, from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 the Board of Pesticides Control may grant a temporary permit authorizing a pesticides applicator licensed by the State to use or apply a pesticide containing chlorpyrifos as an active ingredient, as long as that licensed pesticides applicator possessed the pesticide in the State before January 1, 2022. The Board of Pesticides Control shall post on its publicly accessible website information on the temporary permits issued under this section.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the use of pesticides containing chlorpyrifos as an active ingredient beginning January 1, 2022. From January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 the Board of Pesticides Control may grant a temporary permit authorizing a pesticides applicator licensed by the State to use or apply a pesticide containing chlorpyrifos as an active ingredient, as long as that licensed pesticides applicator possessed the pesticide in the State before January 1, 2022. The board is required to post on its publicly accessible website information on the temporary permits issued.