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An Act To Temporarily Ban the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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Presented by Representative JONES of Freedom. Cosponsored by Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, DORNEY of Norridgewock, KUSIAK of Fairfield, MORRISON of South Portland.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §606, sub-§3 is enacted to read:
3	3. Neonicotinoid pesticides; moratorium. During the period from July 15, 2014 to
4	July 15, 2016, a person may not use, sell or distribute a neonicotinoid pesticide. As used
5	in this subsection, "neonicotinoid pesticide" means a pesticide containing imidacloprid,
6	clothianidin, thiamethoxam, dinotefuran, acetamiprid or thiacloprid.
7	This subsection is repealed July 16, 2016.
8	Sec. 2. Study. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
9	over agricultural matters shall review the use and effects of neonicotinoid pesticides and
10	may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the review to the First Regular
11	Session of the 127th Legislature.
12	SUMMARY
13	This bill bans the use, sale and distribution of neonicotinoid pesticides for 2 years. It
14	also directs the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
15	agricultural matters to review the use and effects of neonicotinoid pesticides.