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House of Representatives, January 4, 2011

An Act To Revise Notification Requirements for Pesticides Applications Using Aircraft or Air-carrier Equipment

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner.
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CRAFTS of Lisbon, DAVIS of Sangerville, DUNPHY of
Embden, LIBBY of Waterboro, LONG of Sherman, VALENTINO of Saco, WOOD of
Sabattus.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1471-Z, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 584, §2, is
3 amended to read:

4 **3. Criteria requiring notification.** A land manager is required to notify a person
5 whose property is on the registry if:

6 A. Pesticides are being applied using aircraft and the registered property lies within
7 ~~1,320~~ 100 feet of the intended spray area;

8 B. Pesticides are being applied using air-carrier equipment and the registered
9 property lies within ~~1,320~~ 100 feet of the intended spray area; or

10 C. Notwithstanding paragraph B, pesticides are being applied using air-carrier
11 equipment into the crowns of fruit trees or Christmas trees and the registered property
12 lies within ~~500~~ 50 feet of the intended spray area. This paragraph is repealed January
13 1, 2012.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill changes the notification criteria regarding the application of pesticides by
16 aircraft or air-carrier equipment to a person on a notification registry from 1,320 feet to
17 100 feet. It also changes the distance requiring notification when pesticides are sprayed
18 into the crowns of fruit trees or Christmas trees using air-carrier equipment from 500 feet
19 to 50 feet.