

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, March 22, 1967

Reported by Senator Berry of Cumberland, from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and printed under Joint Rules No. 18.

JERROLL B. SPEERS, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Appropriating Moneys for Research Study of Pesticides.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to study the use of immediate and long-range effects of insecticides and the related results; and

Whereas, in the judgement of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Pesticide study. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 to be made available to the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Maine for research study of the immediate and long-range effect of DDT and other pesticides on Soil, plant, bird and animal life. Any unexpected balances shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1969.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1967.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Maine Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Maine is geared and equipped to carry out teaching and research work. There is currently an annual allocation of \$10,000 for a regular research program in the field of pesticides residue study.

The appropriation of \$10,000 from the General Fund of the State would accelerate this program of the use of pesticides and their related effect upon soil, plant, bird and animal life. It would also make possible an earlier date of published reports on the findings.