

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 285

S. P. 118

In Senate, January 19, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Pray of Penobscot.

Cosponsor: Mr. MacEachern of Lincoln, Mr. Davies of Orono and Mr. Clark of Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Establish an Experimental Test for Control of Black Flies.**

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

22 MRSA § 1472 is enacted to read:

**§ 1472. Experimental blackfly control program**

**1. Established; requirements. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Board of Pesticides Control shall establish and administer an experimental program of blackfly, family simuliidae, control under the following requirements.**

**A. The Board of Pesticides Control shall authorize, from among suitable applicants, 2 municipalities in Piscataquis County, one municipality in northern Penobscot County and one municipality from any portion of Penobscot County which shall be permitted to use the pesticide "Abate" to control blackflies within their municipal boundaries.**

**B. The use of the pesticides authorized by this section does not require any approval of the Board of Pesticides Control, nor does it require a solid waste disposal permit from the Department of Environmental Protection.**

**C. No sprayer may apply the pesticide authorized under this section unless he is licensed by the Board of Pesticides Control.**

- D. The municipalities chosen by the Board of Pesticides Control shall bear the cost of purchase and application of the pesticide authorized under this section.**
- 2. State funds for research. In the event that any state funds are appropriated for research on the blackfly while this section is effective, part or all of these funds shall be used for monitoring the effects of this experimental project upon the blackfly population in the municipalities where the pesticide application authorized by this section is made.**
- 3. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to monitor effects on fish. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall, using existing funds and programs, monitor the effects of the application of the pesticide authorized by this section upon the fish population of the State.**
- 4. Effective duration of section. This section is repealed on December 1, 1982.**
- 5. Report to Natural Resources Committee. The Board of Pesticides Control shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources of the Legislature no later than 14 days after the beginning of the First Regular Session of the 111th Legislature to be held in 1982 as to the effectiveness, environmental effects and recommendations for lesser or increased future use of the pesticide whose use is authorized by this section.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to authorize an experimental program in 4 northern Maine communities of the pesticide "Abate" in an effort to control the blackfly population, which has become a threat to the health and economy of the northern Maine region.