

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 668

House of Representatives, February 14, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Evans of Freedom.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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AN ACT Relating to Stop-sale Orders under Maine Economic Poisons Law.

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

R. S., T. 7, § 592, additional. Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 592 to read as follows:

§ 592. "Stop-sale" order

When the commissioner has reasonable cause to believe any economic poison or device is being distributed, stored, transported or used in violation of any of the provisions of this subchapter, or of any of the prescribed regulations under this subchapter, he may issue and serve a written "stop-sale" order upon the owner or custodian of any such economic poison or device. If the owner or custodian is not available for service of the order upon him, the commissioner may attach the order to the pesticide or device and notify the registrant. The economic poison or device shall not be sold, used or removed until the provisions of this subchapter have been complied with and the economic poison or device has been released in writing under conditions specified by the commissioner or the violation has been otherwise disposed of as provided in this subchapter by a court of competent jurisdiction.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide for the cessation of an economic poison or device from further distribution in the event the commissioner has reasonable cause to believe a violation of the law exists. This allows withholding

from distribution until compliance is met by the registrant or until a court has issued such orders as it deems necessary or advisable.