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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 922

H. P. 735

House of Representatives, March 2, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Davies of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Forbid the Use of Pesticides Containing Dioxin.

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

7 MRSA § 606, sub-§ 1, ¶G, is enacted to read:

G. Any pesticide containing chlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxin compounds.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Chlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxin (dioxin) contaminants are produced during the manufacture of chlorinated phenols, including several commonly used herbicides such as 2, 4, 5-T and Silvex. These dioxin contaminants are among the most toxic substances known. The compounds are relatively persistent, and appear to accumulate in certain organisms. Because of the immediate and long-term dangers to human health and welfare and to the destruction of the environment, this bill prohibits the use of pesticides containing these dioxin compounds.