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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 176

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7 H.P. 142

House of Representatives, January 29, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Clark of Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Senator Pray of Penobscot.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Establish an Experimental Test for
18 Control of Black Flies.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 22 MRSA §1472 is enacted to read:

23 §1472. Experimental Blackfly Control Program

24 1. Established; requirements. Notwithstanding
25 any other provisions of law, the Board of Pesticides
26 Control shall establish and administer an experimen-
27 tal program of blackfly, family simuliidae, control
28 under the following requirements.

29 A. The Board of Pesticides Control shall autho-
30 rize, from among suitable applicants, 2 munici-
31 palities in Piscataquis County, one municipality
32 in northern Penobscot County and one municipality
33 from any portion of Penobscot County which shall
34 be permitted to use the pesticide "Abate" to con-

1 trol blackflies within their municipal bounda-
2 ries.

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

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

11 D. The municipalities chosen by the Board of
12 Pesticides Control shall bear the cost of pur-
13 chase and application of the pesticide authorized
14 under this section.

15 2. State funds for research. In the event that
16 any state funds are appropriated for research on the
17 blackfly while this section is effective, part or all
18 of these funds shall be used for monitoring the ef-
19 fects of this experimental project upon the blackfly
20 population in the municipalities where the pesticide
21 application authorized by this section is made.

22 3. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
23 to monitor effects on fish. The Department of Inland
24 Fisheries and Wildlife shall, using existing funds
25 and programs, monitor the effects of the application
26 of the pesticide authorized by this section upon the
27 fish population of the State.

28 4. Effective duration of section. This section
29 is repealed on December 1, 1986.

30 5. Report to energy and natural resources com-
31 mittee. The Board of Pesticides Control shall report
32 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
33 having jurisdiction over energy and natural resources
34 no later than 14 days after the beginning of the
35 First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature to be
36 held in 1986 as to the effectiveness, environmental
37 effects and recommendations for lesser or increased
38 future use of the pesticide authorized by this sec-
39 tion.

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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.

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