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H.P. 294		House of	Representatives, Ja	anuary 31, 1985
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1 The Maine Geological Survey shall conduct a 3-year program to assess the impact of agricultural practices and chemicals on ground water quality in 2 3 4 selected agricultural areas and selected aguifers. program shall evaluate the extent and level of 5 The 6 contamination associated with pesticide use, the 7 mechanisms by which pesticides move through the soil and into ground water supplies, the synergistic ef-8 fects of these substances and their persistence in 9 10 ground water. 11 The survey shall report annually its findings and 12 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural re-13 14 sources. 15 Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the 16 purposes of this Act. 17 18 1985-86 1986-87 19 MAINE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY 20 All Other \$30,000 \$50,000 21 STATEMENT OF FACT 22 The use of chemicals in agriculture has potential

impact on the quality of ground water and the nature 23 and extent of this impact is largely unknown. This 24 bill authorizes and funds the Maine Geological Survey 25 26 to assess the impact of agricultural practices and 27 chemicals on ground water quality in selected areas 28 and in selected aquifers and to report its findings 29 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature 30 having jurisdiction over energy and natural re-31 sources.

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