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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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### Legislative Document

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Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KANY of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Representative TRACY of Rome.

#### STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Concerning Manure Spreading.



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38	MRSA §417-A is enacted to read:
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\$417-A.	Investigation of improper manure handling

Re it exacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

When presented with a citizens' petition alleging improper handling of manure, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall investigate the complaint and determine whether a violation of this chapter exists. The commissioner shall complete the investigation within 90 days of receiving the petition and notify the petitioners of the findings in writing.

Improper handling includes, but is not limited to, improper storage or spreading of manure. The petition must describe where the alleged improper handling occurred and must be signed by at least 20 persons living in the municipality, plantation or township of the occurrence or an adjacent municipality, plantation or township.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides a vehicle for citizens to initiate investigations of alleged improper manure handling. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is directed to respond to citizens' petitions and to determine if water quality is being affected by manure spreading or other manure handling.