

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 420

S.P. 141

In Senate, January 23, 1997

### **An Act to Improve the Reporting of General Use Pesticide Sales.**

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Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township and  
Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook, Representatives: BAKER of Dixfield, CROSS of  
Dover-Foxcroft.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1471-W, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 93, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Records; reporting. Any person who distributes general use pesticides to licensed general use pesticide dealers in the State shall keep and maintain records of these sales for annual reporting purposes. These annual reports must include the names of all licensed general use pesticide dealers to whom general use pesticides were distributed, the names of the pesticides, the United States Environmental Protection Agency registration number and the quantity sold. These records must be kept for 2 years after the end of the calendar year.

### SUMMARY

Current statute requires all licensed general use pesticide dealers to report sales of products in packages of one quart or larger and 5 pounds or greater in size. While this results in many reports being submitted, a substantial amount of pesticide sales are in smaller packages and exempt from the reporting requirements. Thus, there is no reliable reporting of general use pesticide sales.

This bill shifts the reporting requirements primarily to wholesalers and a few large firms who distribute directly to their company stores. These companies should already have computerized sales data on all pesticides regardless of package size. This would remove the reporting burden from many small retailers in Maine and also significantly reduce the number of reports submitted by businesses and processed by the State Board of Pesticides Control.