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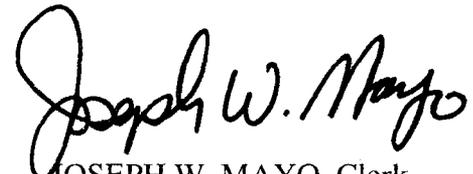
No. 1535

H.P. 1088

House of Representatives, February 25, 1999

**An Act to Require Notice to Abutters Prior to Commercial Applications
of Pesticides.**

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BULL of Freeport.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GAGNE of Buckfield, McKEE of Wayne, MUSE of South
Portland, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, PINGREE of
Knox, TREAT of Kennebec.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1471-Y is enacted to read:**

6 **§1471-Y. Notice to abutters**

8 Except in the case of an emergency application, a commercial
10 applicator may not apply pesticides without providing written
12 notice hand-delivered to each affected residence at least one
14 week prior to the application. The notice must clearly indicate
16 where the pesticide will be applied, that it will be applied no
18 sooner than a week from the date of the notice and the name and
20 telephone number of a person whom the resident may contact for
22 more information about the application. If no person is at an
24 affected residence when notice is hand-delivered, the notice must
26 be left at the affected residence in a conspicuous place, such as
28 attached to the front door. For purposes of this section, an
30 "emergency application" means an application of pesticides
required to be undertaken immediately in order to protect persons
or property. For purposes of this section, "affected residence"
means any residence on property abutting the property on which
the application will occur and located within 500 feet of the
common property line.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill requires commercial applicators of pesticides to
30 provide a one-week advance notice of applications to residences
on abutting property.