

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 690

House of Representatives, February 25, 2003

### **An Act To Require Public Notification of Herbicide Applications in the State's Great Ponds**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne.  
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and  
Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, MAKAS of Lewiston,  
MOODY of Manchester, SAVIELLO of Wilton, THOMPSON of China, TOBIN of Windham,  
TWOMEY of Biddeford.

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

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**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1864**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 434, Pt. A, §7, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

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Prior to the application of a herbicide to a water body in the State, the commissioner shall hold at least one public hearing in a municipality bordering the water body. The public hearing held pursuant to this paragraph must be held no earlier than 30 days and no later than 15 days prior to the application. The commissioner shall present all information relative to the application at the public hearing held pursuant to this paragraph.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill requires a public hearing prior to the application of a herbicide to a body of water in the State. The public hearing must be held in a municipality bordering the body of water no earlier than 30 days and no later than 15 days prior to the application, and all information relative to the application must be presented at the hearing.

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