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House of Representatives, January 4, 2011

An Act To Revise Notification Requirements for Pesticides Applications Using Aircraft or Air-carrier Equipment

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner. Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and

Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CRAFTS of Lisbon, DAVIS of Sangerville, DUNPHY of Embden, LIBBY of Waterboro, LONG of Sherman, VALENTINO of Saco, WOOD of Sabattus.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1471-Z, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 584, §2, is amended to read:
4 5	3. Criteria requiring notification. A land manager is required to notify a person whose property is on the registry if:
6 7	A. Pesticides are being applied using aircraft and the registered property lies within 1,320 100 feet of the intended spray area;
8 9	B. Pesticides are being applied using air-carrier equipment and the registered property lies within $\frac{1,320}{100}$ feet of the intended spray area; or
10 11 12 13	C. Notwithstanding paragraph B, pesticides are being applied using air-carrier equipment into the crowns of fruit trees or Christmas trees and the registered property lies within 500 50 feet of the intended spray area. This paragraph is repealed January 1, 2012.
14	SUMMARY
15 16 17 18	This bill changes the notification criteria regarding the application of pesticides by aircraft or air-carrier equipment to a person on a notification registry from 1,320 feet to 100 feet. It also changes the distance requiring notification when pesticides are sprayed into the crowns of fruit trees or Christmas trees using air-carrier equipment from 500 feet to 50 feet.