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CHAPTER 465

H.P. 294 - L.D. 383

AN ACT to Assess the Impact of Agricultural Chemicals and Practices on Ground Water.

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §401, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 472, §12, is amended by adding after the 3rd paragraph a paragraph to read:

The Legislature further finds that these resources may be threatened by certain agricultural chemicals and practices, but that the nature and extent of this impact is largely unknown. Failure to evaluate this potential problem is likely to result in costly contamination of some ground water supplies leading to increased risks to the public health.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §402, as enacted PL 1979, c. 472, §12, is amended by adding at the end the following:

The Maine Geological Survey in cooperation with other agencies as appropriate shall conduct a 3-year program to assess the impact of agricultural practices and chemicals on ground water quality in selected agricultural areas and selected aquifers. The program shall evaluate the extent and level of contamination associated with pesticide use, the mechanisms by which pesticides move through the soil and into ground water supplies, the synergistic effects of these substances and their persistence in ground water.

The survey shall report annually its progress to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 466

H.P. 739 - L.D. 997

AN ACT to Authorize the State Planning Office to Charge for Publication.