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ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES  
BILL SUMMARY



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LD:

337

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE SPRUCE BUDWORM  
MANAGEMENT ACT

MICHAUD  
LAW  
DEXTER  
USHER

OTP-AM           HOUSE Enacted  
                  SENATE Enacted  
                  GOV        SIGNED

PUBLIC  
CH # 58

H-19       CA                                   H       S

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this bill is to provide administrative procedures and a funding mechanism to operate the state spruce budworm control program in the event of a year with no spraying requirements. Under existing law, the program can only collect revenues based on the costs incurred in a spray program. The recent decline of budworm populations makes it possible that no spraying may be needed in some future year. However, a need for continuing monitoring of budworm populations and control research would still exist.

The Committee approved the bill with an amendment (CA H-19) that requires the Director of the Maine Forest Service to report to the Legislature on the activities to be conducted in a "no-spray" year along with any recommendations for statutory changes he feels are needed. The Director is also required to consult with the affected landowners and the public on this subject.

LD:

380

AN ACT TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO  
WATER UTILITIES IN DEVELOPING GROUND WATER  
SOURCE PROTECTION PLANS

MITCHELL  
DIAMOND G

LU-WD           HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
                  SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
                  GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill would have required all public water suppliers to submit ground water source protection plans to the Department of Human Services. The Department was allowed to offer technical assistance in the development of the plans. The majority of the Committee opposed the bill on the grounds that it represented an excessive financial burden on water suppliers and that the scope of the term "source protection" was undefined. An unsuccessful attempt was made to amend the bill to simply authorize technical assistance.