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

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1471-Z, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 584, §2, is amended to read:

**3. Criteria requiring notification.** A land manager is required to notify a person whose property is on the registry if:

A. Pesticides are being applied using aircraft and the registered property lies within ~~1,320~~100 feet of the intended spray area;

B. Pesticides are being applied using air-carrier equipment and the registered property lies within ~~1,320~~100 feet of the intended spray area; or

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 This paragraph is repealed January 1, 2012.

### **SUMMARY**

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.