

**§8422. Legislative policy**

The Legislature declares that it shall be the policy of the State to undertake a spruce budworm management program to minimize the short-term and long-term impacts of spruce budworm insect infestations upon the state's spruce and fir forests in accordance with the following policy objectives: [PL 1979, c. 737, §12 (NEW).]

**1. Supply of wood.** Monitoring the status of and reporting on the present and future supply of wood to support the long-term economic needs of the State and of its forest products industries; [PL 2015, c. 314, §1 (AMD).]

**2. Development of program.** The development and utilization in both the public and private sectors of forest protection and management programs that are cost-effective, biologically sound and responsive to the public's environmental and health concerns; [PL 2015, c. 314, §1 (AMD).]

**3. Reduction in use of insecticides.** The reduction in reliance upon the use of chemical insecticides in spruce budworm suppression programs; [PL 1979, c. 737, §12 (NEW).]

**4. Private efforts; pest management.** The encouragement of private efforts to undertake a variety of integrated pest management techniques that result in a long-term reduction in the vulnerability of the State's forests to spruce budworm infestation and loss; [PL 2015, c. 314, §1 (AMD).]

**4-A. Presalvage and salvage harvesting.** The regulation of presalvage and salvage harvesting designed to reduce losses of timber while protecting public trust resources and supporting the protection of wildlife habitat through the retention of non-susceptible tree species where silviculturally and ecologically appropriate; [PL 2015, c. 314, §2 (NEW).]

**5. Implementation.** The implementation of methods for determining private and public participation in spruce budworm management programs, including provision for voluntary participation in future insecticide spray projects; [PL 2015, c. 314, §3 (AMD).]

**6. Regulatory review.** The provision for adequate regulatory review of any proposed insecticide spray projects by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control; and [PL 2015, c. 314, §3 (AMD).]

**7. Management options.** The provision of management options for forest landowners designed to minimize impacts of spruce budworm infestation and loss. [PL 2015, c. 314, §3 (AMD).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1979, c. 737, §12 (NEW). PL 2015, c. 314, §§1-3 (AMD).

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