

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 63

H. P. 44

House of Representatives, January 11, 1967

Referred to Committee on Taxation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bragdon of Perham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Imposing a Tax on the Unorganized Territory Within the Maine Forestry District for Spruce Budworm Control.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, a severe outbreak of spruce budworm has developed in the forests of northern Maine, threatening the destruction of one of the Maine's outstanding natural resources; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to control this outbreak so as to save 100,000 acres of Maine forests; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., T. 12, § 1601, amended. Section 1601 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes as amended, is further amended by adding after the first sentence, a new sentence, as follows:

Such tax shall be increased by ½ mill on the dollar assessed only for year 1967 upon all the property in the unorganized territory located within the Maine Forestry District, including rights in public reserved lots, to be used by the Forestry Department for spruce budworm control.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.