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Committee on Taxation suggested. BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk  
Presented by Mr. Farnham of Hampden.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
AND SEVENTY

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

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to control this outbreak so as to save 210,000 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 inserting after the first sentence the following new sentence:

**Such tax shall be increased by one mill on the dollar assessed only for the year 1970 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.