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No. 1952

H. P. 1510 House of Representatives, January 24, 1972
Committee on Taxation suggested. BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk
Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-TWO

**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 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 500,000 acres of Maine forest; 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 to read as follows:

Such tax shall be increased by $2\frac{3}{4}$ mills on the dollar assessed only for the year 1972 upon all the property in the unorganized territory located within the Maine Forestry District, including rights in public reserved lots, and buildings on leased property, to be used by the Forestry Department for spruce budworm control.

STATEMENT OF FACT

A tax of $8\frac{1}{2}$ mills is assessed on the property valuation of the areas making up the Maine Forestry District. The purpose of this amendment to the Forestry District tax law is to provide that for 1972 only an additional tax of $2\frac{3}{4}$ mills shall be imposed upon the Forestry District area, excepting from the tax the property in such organized towns as are in the district.