

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 140

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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AN ACT to appropriate moneys for the protection of trees and shrubs from the introduction and ravages of dangerous insects and diseases.

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*Whereas*, the gipsy and brown-tail moths have been declared by law to be public nuisances and their suppression and the prevention of their introduction into this State, and the protection of trees and shrubs from the introduction and ravages of dangerous insects and diseases, require constant work now being carried on under the direction of the Commissioner of Agriculture and the interruption of said work until ninety days after the recess of this Legislature would be harmful to the public health, and

*Whereas*, by reason of the foregoing facts this measure is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health and an emergency, as contemplated by the Constitution exists, *now therefore*,

Section 1. For the purpose of carrying into effect all provisions of law now in force, or as the same may be amended and added to, relative to the protection of trees and shrubs from the introduction and ravages of dangerous insects and diseases, there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars annually. Any part of this appropriation remaining unexpended at the end of any calendar year may be expended under the supervision of the Commissioner of Agriculture, upon presentation of properly approved bills for the same.

Sect. 2. This act, two-thirds of all the members elected to each house having so directed, shall take effect when approved by the Governor.



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 10, 1909.

Reported by Mr. BEMIS from Committee on Agriculture and  
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*