

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 345

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*In Senate, March 16, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Agriculture and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

*Presented by Mr. Conant of Waldo.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

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AN ACT to amend Chapter 38, Section 9, of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to notice to owners of real estate to destroy insects; owner neglecting, towns shall destroy.

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

Chapter 38, Section 9, of the Revised Statutes of 1916, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word moth in the  
3 second line thereof the words 'gypsy moth' so that said  
4 section as amended shall read as follows:

'Whenever a city, town or plantation is notified by the  
2 commissioner of agriculture of the presence of the brown

3 tail moth, gypsy moth or San Jose scale, the mayor of each  
4 city, the selectmen of each town and the assessors of each  
5 plantation shall notify each owner of real estate located  
6 therein, requiring him to destroy the above-named insects  
7 in his orchard and shade trees within a specified time. If  
8 the owner fails to destroy the above-named insects before  
9 the specified time the city, town or plantation, subject to  
10 the approval of the commissioner of agriculture, shall de-  
11 stroy them, and shall assess upon such aforesaid real es-  
12 tate the actual cost of so doing to an amount, however, not  
13 exceeding one per cent. of the assessed valuation of the  
14 above-named property. The amount so assessed shall be  
15 collected in the form of a tax.'