

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 403

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

AN ACT for the Control and Suppression of the European
Corn Borer.

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

Section 1. The insect known as the European corn borer
2 is hereby declared in all its stages to be a public nuisance,
3 and the commissioner of agriculture is hereby authorized
4 and directed to use all lawful methods for its control and
5 suppression. He may act in cooperation with any person
6 or organization, any other state, or the United States, in
7 conducting investigations, gathering and distributing infor-
8 mation concerning the said corn borer, and in enforcing the
9 provisions of the following sections.

Sect. 2. The commissioner of agriculture shall have authority to establish districts comprising that portion of the state known or suspected of being infested with the European corn borer, and to quarantine such districts against the further spread of the borer. He may alter the boundary lines of such district or establish new districts as conditions may require, and he shall give notice of such establishment by publication in some newspaper published in such districts, if any, otherwise in some paper published in Augusta.

Sect. 3. In such district or districts as the commissioner of agriculture may designate as being known or suspected of being infested with the European corn borer, any person growing corn of any kind, or other vegetation subject to infestation by the European corn borer, shall, not later than November first in the year in which said corn or other vegetation is grown, plow the land on which said corn or other vegetation was grown in a manner which shall be satisfactory to the said commissioner of agriculture or his duly authorized agents, or shall pull up said stubble and destroy it by burning. Any person who uses corn stalks as fodder and who stores them for that purpose shall feed or destroy all such corn stalks not later than the tenth day of April in the year following that in which the said corn shall have been grown.

Sect. 4. Whoever neglects or refuses to comply with the requirements of section three shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.