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H. P. 1335

House of Representatives, February 11, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Fickett of Naples.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT for the Eradication of Ragweed.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 1, additional. Chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby amended by adding 3 new sections to be numbered 42-A, 42-B, and 42-C, and to read as follows:

'Sec. 42-A. Eradication of ragweed. The commissioner of the department of health and welfare is hereby authorized and directed to use all lawful methods for the eradication of ragweed and prevention of its spreading to uninfested areas within the state.

In cooperation with the commissioner of agriculture he is authorized to carry on such investigation and make such surveys of ragweed plant life in infested areas within the borders of the state as will, in his judgment, furnish information necessary to the successful prosecution of ragweed eradication by any agency within the state.

It shall also be the duty of said commissioner of the department of health and welfare to cause to be carried on, by such means as he may deem best, the spread of information among the inhabitants of this state concerning the nature and growth of ragweed and the practical means of its eradication.'

'Sec. 42-B. Powers of commissioner. The commissioner of health and welfare shall be authorized to enter upon areas suspected of being infested with ragweed growth wheresoever located, and to carry out necessary control measures for the eradication thereof.

Said commissioner of health and welfare may delegate authority to carry out such control measures to local health officers or other officials of cities, towns or plantations in which control work is deemed necessary or desirable.'

'Sec. 42-C. Appropriation. For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of said added sections of the statutes, said commissioner of health and welfare shall have power to expend such amount of money annually as may be appropriated by the legislature.'