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H. P. 305

House of Representatives, January 25, 1945.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Lee of Dover-Foxcroft.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Rodent Control.

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

R. S., c. 27, § 145-A, additional. Chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 145-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 145-A. Commissioner to take necessary measures for control of rodents. In order to protect the food supplies, agricultural produce, growing crops, live stock, manufactured goods, and buildings, and to safeguard the public health, the commissioner of agriculture may investigate the life and habits of, and may take necessary measures to destroy or to control, rats, mice, woodchucks, and such other rodents not protected by law, as may from time to time be determined by him to be detrimental to one or more of such purposes. In performing such duties he may, by himself or by his authorized agent, enter upon private premises for any of such purposes at any reasonable time. In order to carry out the provisions of this section, the said commissioner may enter into cooperative arrangements with the United States or any agency thereof, with any department, board or commission of this state or any political subdivision thereof, or with any association, corporation or individual owning, occupying or possessing any property within this state, and for this purpose the sum of \$2,600 is hereby appropriated.'