

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

---

---

N I N E T Y - S E C O N D      L E G I S L A T U R E

---

---

Legislative Document

No. 941

H. P. 1295

House of Representatives, February 20, 1945.

Transmitted by revisor of statutes pursuant to joint order

Referred to Committee on Towns. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Dow of Eliot.

---

---

STATE OF MAINE

---

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

---

**AN ACT Relating to White Pine Blister Rust Control.**

---

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

**R. S., c. 32, § 54, amended.** Section 54 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 54. Commissioner to promulgate information and to designate areas where control is necessary.** The commissioner is authorized and empowered to promulgate by letter, publication, poster, or other means information concerning the white pine blister rust and to designate, by the aforesaid means of promulgation, areas within the state in which control measures are necessary or advisable. It shall be the duty of every ~~land owner~~ **city, town, or plantation** within such designated ~~area~~ **areas** to carry out such control measures as are ordered by the commissioner, ~~including~~ **and appropriate funds for** the removal and destruction of any or all plants of the genus ribes, commonly known as currants and gooseberries, and any white pine tree or trees which are found to be infected with the disease. **The amount of funds to be appropriated by cities, towns, and plantations will be determined by the commissioner and the municipal officers, but in no 1 year will city, town, or plantation expenditures exceed \$400.** If the ~~owner~~ **city, town, or plantation** fails to destroy the above

named plants or trees within the time specified by the commissioner, the commissioner shall cause said plants or trees to be destroyed and shall charge the actual expense of same to the city, town, or plantation within which said plants or trees are found. Such amount shall be collected as a state tax and credited to the appropriation for said purpose. ~~The city, town, or plantation wherein such plants or trees are found may assess the cost of the removal of said plants or trees to the owner of the real estate wherein the said plants or trees are found. The amount so assessed shall be collected in the form of a tax.~~