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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Giving Commissioner of Agriculture Authority to Establish Quarantines.

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

R. S., c. 27, §§ 156-A - 156-C, additional. Chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 156-A to 156-C, inclusive, to read as follows :

‘Sec. 156-A. Authority. The commissioner of agriculture when he shall find that there exists in any other state, territory, or district, or part thereof any dangerous plant disease or insect infestation with reference to which the secretary of agriculture of the United States has not determined that a quarantine is necessary and duly established such quarantine, he is hereby authorized to promulgate, and to enforce by appropriate rules and regulations, a quarantine prohibiting or restricting the transportation into or through the state, or any portion thereof, from such other state, foreign country, territory, or district, of any class of nursery stock, plant, fruit, seed, or other article of any character whatsoever, capable of carrying such plant disease or insect infestation. The commissioner of agriculture is hereby authorized to make rules and regulations for the seizure,

inspection, disinfection, destruction, or other disposition of any nursery stock, plant, fruit, seed, or other article of any character whatsoever, capable of carrying any other plant disease or insect infestation, a quarantine with respect to which shall have been established by the secretary of agriculture of the United States, and which have been transported to, into or through this state in violation of such quarantine.

Sec. 156-B. Notice. The notice of any hearing and the promulgating of any quarantine provided for in this section shall be by publication in one or more newspapers in circulation in the area affected.

Sec. 156-C. Penalty. Any person violating any of the provisions or any quarantine, or rules or regulations supplemental thereto, issued by the commissioner of agriculture in pursuance of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the penalties prescribed.'