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House of Representatives, February 25, 1949

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Webber of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

**AN ACT Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Take Necessary Means
to Control Forest Insects and Diseases.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, a severe outbreak of the spruce budworm has developed in northern Maine; and

Whereas, aeroplane spraying for the control of this outbreak is necessary before July 1, 1949; and

Whereas, it has been deemed essential that the forest commissioner be given authority to spray such infested lands; and

Whereas, in the judgement of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., c. 32, § 13-A, additional. Chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 13-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 13-A. Prevention and control of forest insects and diseases. The forest commissioner or his duly authorized agent may take measures for the prevention and control of forest insects and diseases and when deemed necessary use control measures such as aeroplane spraying or similar methods.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.