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**Legislative Document**

**No. 977**

S. P. 350

In Senate, February 26, 1959.

Referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Briggs of Aroostook.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Duties of Municipalities Concerning Dutch Elm Disease.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 90-A, § 3, sub-§ II-A, additional.** Section 3 of chapter 90-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 405 of the public laws of 1957, is amended by adding a new subsection to be numbered II-A, to read as follows :

**'II-A. Private grounds.**

**A. Establishing the authority for municipal officers, park commissioners, tree wardens or their agents to enter on private grounds to survey, inspect or sample elm trees or parts of elms for presence of the Dutch elm disease or its causal organism or of elm bark beetles; or to carry out Dutch elm disease preventive or control measures on elm trees or parts from elm trees.'**

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 90-A, § 12, sub-§ IV, ¶ I, additional.** Subsection IV of section 12 of chapter 90-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 405 of the public laws of 1957, is amended by adding a new paragraph I, to read as follows :

**'I. Providing for the determination of the presence of and the prevention or control of Dutch elm disease on public and private grounds. Individuals and private organizations may raise money for the same purpose to be expended under the direction of the municipal officers.'**