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CHAPTER 407

EUROPEAN CORN BORER

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§ 2251. Public nuisance

The insect known as the European corn borer is in all its stages a public nuisance and the commissioner is authorized and directed to use all lawful methods for its control and suppression. He may act in cooperation with any person or organization, any other state or the United States in conducting investigations, gathering and distributing information concerning the said corn borer and in enforcing this chapter.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 161.

§ 2252. Establishment of districts; quarantine

The commissioner shall have authority to establish districts comprising that portion of the State known or suspected of being infested with the European corn borer and to quarantine such districts against the further spread of the borer. He may alter the boundary lines of such district or establish new districts as conditions may require and he shall give notice of such establishment by publication in some newspaper published in such district, if any, otherwise in the state paper.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 162; 1959, c. 363, § 20.

§ 2253. Disposal of stubble and fodder

In such district or districts as the commissioner may designate as being known or suspected of being infested with the European corn borer, any person growing corn of any kind or other vegetation subject to infestation by the European corn borer shall, not later than November 1st in the year in which said corn or other vegetation is grown, plow the land on which said corn or other vegetation was grown in a manner which shall be satisfactory to the said commissioner or his duly authorized agents, or shall pull up said stubble and destroy it by burning. Any person who uses cornstalks as fodder and who stores them

for that purpose shall feed or destroy all such cornstalks not later than the 10th day of April in the year following that in which the said corn shall have been grown.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 163.

§ 2254. Penalties and jurisdiction

Whoever violates any quarantine regulations established by the commissioner under section 2252 and whoever neglects or refuses to comply with the requirements of section 2253 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50. The District Court and the Superior Court shall have concurrent jurisdiction of actions brought for the recovery of penalties imposed by chapters 405, 407, 409, 501, 503, 505 and 507, and Title 30, section 3955 and Title 32, section 1901 and of prosecutions for violations thereof.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 164; 1963, c. 402, § 63.