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By Mr. Burke, petition of Joseph Curtin, Jr., and another that provision be made for co-operation with the federal government in the eradication of hog cholera. Agriculture.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Three.

### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CO-OPERATION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE ERADICATION OF HOG CHOLERA.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is, in part, to take immediate steps  
3 for the eradication of hog cholera, therefore it is hereby de-  
4 clared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as  
follows:*

1 All hogs which are affected with, or have been exposed to,  
2 hog cholera, shall be quarantined, appraised by an appraiser  
3 of the division of livestock disease control in the department  
4 of agriculture, hereinafter called the division, and an ap-  
5 praiser appointed by the federal bureau of animal industry.  
6 Any such hogs as the director of said division may determine  
7 shall be slaughtered and their carcasses shall be disposed of in  
8 such manner as said director may determine. The common-  
9 wealth shall pay to the owner of such hogs so slaughtered  
10 one-half of their value as determined by said appraisal, said  
11 payment to be paid from the amounts appropriated therefor.  
12 No payment shall be made as herein provided unless said di-  
13 rector has determined that the owner or his representative  
14 has not, in the opinion of the director, by wilful act or neg-  
15 lect, contributed to the spread of hog cholera. All determina-  
16 tions of value made under this act shall be at fair market  
17 value.

