

To accompany the petition of Edward H. Whittemore for legislation to increase the penalty for dropping or throwing from any vehicle upon a public or private way near forest land any substance which may cause fire. Military Affairs and Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

AN ACT FIXING THE PENALTY FOR DROPPING OR THROWING FROM ANY VEHICLE UPON A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE WAY NEAR FOREST LAND ANY SUBSTANCE WHICH MAY CAUSE FIRE.

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

1 Section 54 of chapter 148 of the General Laws, as
2 amended by chapter 399 of the acts of 1930, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out the word "twenty-
4 five" in front of the word "dollars" and inserting
5 in place thereof the word: — one hundred, — so that
6 the same shall read: —

7 *Section 54.* Whoever drops or throws from any
8 vehicle while the same is upon a public or private
9 way running along or near forest land, or, except as
10 permitted by law, drops, throws, deposits or otherwise
11 places in or upon forest land, any lighted cigarette,
12 cigar, match, live ashes or other flaming or glowing
13 substance, or any substance or thing which in and of
14 itself is likely to cause a fire, shall be punished by a
15 fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

