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By Mr. Hurwitz of Cohasset, petition of Roscoe G. Pratt and others that cities and towns be authorized to remove from private lands trees infested with the Dutch elm disease and relative to providing for partial reimbursement by the Commonwealth of the expense thereof. Conservation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL BY CITIES AND TOWNS FROM PRIVATE LANDS OF TREES INFESTED WITH THE DUTCH ELM DISEASE, SO CALLED, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE EXPENSE THEREOF.

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

1 Chapter 132 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after section 26 the following new sec-  
3 tion: —

4 *Section 26A.* The city forester, superintendent or  
5 other person having charge of the suppression of  
6 gypsy and brown tail moths and tent caterpillars in  
7 each city and town of the commonwealth, or, where  
8 there is no such person, the tree warden, may enter  
9 upon any private lands and remove therefrom such  
10 trees as may be officially declared by the department  
11 of agriculture to be infected with the Dutch elm dis-  
12 ease, so called, and the commonwealth shall reim-  
13 burse such city or town to the extent of fifty per cent  
14 of the expense of removing such trees.

