

SENATE No. 25

To accompany the petition of Elberta F. Copeland that provision be made for the reimbursement by the Commonwealth of cities and towns for expenses incurred in eradicating mosquitoes. Ways and Means.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing for the Reimbursement by the Commonwealth of Cities and Towns for Expenses incurred in eradicating Mosquitoes.

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 1. When any city or town in which
2 one twenty-fifth of one per cent of the valuation
3 is more than five thousand dollars shall have ex-
4 pended within its limits city or town funds to an
5 amount in excess of five thousand dollars in any
6 one year ending November thirtieth in eradicating
7 mosquitoes, the commonwealth shall reimburse such
8 city or town to the extent of fifty per cent of such
9 excess above said five thousand dollars.

10 Cities and towns in which one twenty-fifth of
11 one per cent of the valuation is less than five thou-
12 sand dollars, and in which such valuation is greater
13 than six million dollars, shall be reimbursed by the
14 commonwealth to the extent of eighty per cent of

15 the amount expended by such cities or towns of
16 city or town funds in eradicating mosquitoes in any
17 one such year, in excess of said one twenty-fifth of
18 one per cent.

19 In towns in which the valuation is less than six
20 million dollars, after they have expended in any
21 one such year town funds to an amount equal to
22 one twenty-fifth of one per cent of their valuation,
23 the commonwealth shall expend within the limits
24 thereof for the eradication of mosquitoes, such an
25 amount in addition as the state reclamation board,
26 with the advice and consent of the governor, shall
27 determine. The commonwealth shall reimburse
28 cities and towns every sixty days.

29 No city or town shall be entitled to any reim-
30 bursement hereunder from the commonwealth until
31 it has submitted to the comptroller itemized ac-
32 counts and vouchers showing the definite amount
33 expended by it for the purpose of eradicating mos-
34 quitoes, nor shall any money be paid out of the
35 state treasury to cities or towns until said vouchers
36 and accounts have been approved by the state
37 reclamation board and the comptroller, nor unless
38 said expenditure shall have been duly authorized
39 and approved by said board.

40 For the purposes of this act, the valuation of a
41 city or town shall mean the valuation of such city
42 or town as determined by the last preceding valua-
43 tion made for the purpose of apportioning the state
44 tax.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become null and void
2 January first, nineteen hundred and thirty-six.

