

SENATE No. 184

To accompany the petition of William Casey, Commissioner of Agriculture, for legislation to provide for the control of the Dutch Elm disease. Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL OF THE DUTCH ELM DISEASE.

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

1 Amend chapter one hundred and twenty-eight of
2 the General Laws by inserting a new section, as
3 follows:—

4 *Section 24A.* If the director, either personally or
5 through his assistants, in the exercise of his duties,
6 finds on public or private property, trees or parts
7 thereof of the genus *Ulmus* (Elm) that are infected
8 with or are likely to become infected with the causal
9 fungus of the so-called Dutch Elm Disease or that are
10 infested with or likely to become infested with insects
11 known or suspected to be carriers of said disease, he
12 may destroy or cause to be destroyed, such trees or
13 parts thereof. He may employ all necessary assistants
14 for this purpose, who may enter upon public or private
15 property in the performance of their duties.

RESOLVED, That the sum of \$100,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of the purchase of the land described in the following resolution, to-wit:

The land situated in the County of ... State of ...

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