

HOUSE No. 1257

Mr. Urquhart of Georgetown presented a petition of William D. Desmond, Joseph D. Rolfe and Herbert W. Urquhart that the Division of Fisheries and Game be authorized to co-operate with certain municipalities in the county of Essex in exterminating enemies of shellfish in coastal waters adjacent to said county. Conservation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing for State Aid for the Extermination of Enemies of the Shellfish in the Coastal Waters of the Commonwealth bordering upon Essex County.

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. The division of fisheries and game
2 of the department of conservation is hereby au-
3 thorized and directed to assist and co-operate,
4 during the current year, with the coastal munic-
5 ipalities of Essex county in the extermination of
6 the enemies of the shellfish in the coastal waters
7 adjoining, and flats of, said municipalities, and for
8 said purposes said division may expend such sums,
9 not exceeding, in the aggregate, five thousand dol-
10 lars, as may hereafter be appropriated therefor.

1 SECTION 2. The funds so appropriated shall be

2 apportioned by said division among said municipali-
3 ties in such amounts as will, in its opinion, effect
4 the greatest measure of relief to the shellfish in-
5 dustry so menaced; provided, that no money shall
6 be expended in any such municipality for the pur-
7 pose of exterminating the enemies of the shellfish
8 within its limits unless said municipality shall have
9 first appropriated for said work an amount equal
10 to at least one fourth of the total cost thereof
11 as estimated by said division; and provided, further,
12 that any appropriation already made, or amounts
13 expended, for such extermination within the cur-
14 rent year by any such municipality shall be taken
15 into account in determining its right to state aid
16 hereunder.

1 SECTION 3. The work of exterminating such
2 enemies in municipalities aided hereunder shall be
3 done, and expenditures therefor shall be made,
4 in such manner as said division may determine
5 and in accordance with rules and regulations which
6 said division shall make with respect thereto, which
7 rules and regulations said division is hereby au-
8 thorized to make and enforce.

1 SECTION 4. For the purpose of carrying into
2 effect the provisions of this act during the balance
3 of the current fiscal year, the sum of five thousand
4 dollars is hereby appropriated from the general fund
5 or ordinary revenue of the commonwealth, subject
6 to the laws relative to the disbursement of public
7 funds and the approval thereof.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.