

# SENATE . . . . No. 405

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To accompany the petition of Marshall F. Spear and others, selectmen of the town of Weymouth, for legislation relative to the appointment of gypsy moth superintendents in towns. Conservation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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An Act relative to the Appointment of Gypsy Moth Superintendents in Towns.

*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 thirteen of chapter one hundred and thirty-  
2 two of the General Laws, as appearing in the Ter-  
3 centenary edition, is hereby amended by striking  
4 out, in the second line, the words "in the month of  
5 January", — and by inserting after the word "moths"  
6 in the third line the following sentence:— In cities  
7 such appointment shall be made in January, and,  
7 in towns, within ten days after the organization  
9 of the board of selectmen, — so as to read as fol-  
10 lows:— *Section 13.* The mayor in cities and the  
11 selectmen in towns shall annually appoint a local  
12 superintendent for the suppression of gypsy and  
13 brown tail moths. In cities such appointment shall  
14 be made in January, and, in towns, within ten days  
15 after the organization of the board of selectmen.

16 Said superintendents shall, under the advice and  
17 general direction of the forester, destroy the eggs,  
18 caterpillars, pupæ and nests of the gypsy and brown  
19 tail moths within their limits, except in parks and  
20 other property under the control of the common-  
21 wealth, and except in private property, save as  
22 otherwise provided herein. The appointment of a  
23 local superintendent shall not take effect unless  
24 approved by the forester; and when so approved  
25 notice of the appointment shall be given by the  
26 mayor or the selectmen to the person so appointed.