

# HOUSE . . . . No. 691

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Accompanying the petition of Arthur W. Gilbert, Commissioner of Agriculture, for the inspection, analysis and field testing of certain seeds. Agriculture. January 18.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

### AN ACT

To provide for the Inspection, Analysis and Field Testing of Seeds.

1 *Whereas*, The delayed operation of this act would make  
2 it largely ineffective during the current year and it is  
3 desirable that it take effect before the beginning of the  
4 planting season; therefore, it is hereby declared to be an  
5 emergency law immediately necessary for the preservation  
6 of the public convenience.

*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. In this act, unless the context otherwise  
2 requires, the term "seeds" shall include those parts of a  
3 plant which are the outcome of flowering and which are  
4 used for propagation and for such purpose are exposed  
5 for sale.

1 SECTION 2. The director of the Massachusetts Agri-  
2 cultural Experiment Station is hereby authorized, either  
3 in person or by deputy, to take samples of seeds which  
4 may be in the possession of any importer, agent, dealer  
5 or grower upon tendering the value thereof, to cause the  
6 same to be examined and tested for purity, germination  
7 capacity, trueness to variety, name and type, and such  
8 other properties as may be desirable. He may also cause  
9 to be published from time to time in bulletins or reports  
10 of said station the results of such examinations and tests,  
11 together with the sources from which the samples were  
12 taken and such additional information as circumstances  
13 may make desirable: *provided, however,* that such publi-  
14 cation shall not be made unless and until an opportunity  
15 for a hearing shall have been granted by said director  
16 to those persons whose names are to be published; and  
17 *provided, further,* that no publication shall be made of  
18 tests of seeds, except concerning seeds actually sold or  
19 offered or exposed for sale.

1 SECTION 3. The director of said station is hereby  
2 authorized to expend during the current year a sum not  
3 exceeding seven thousand five hundred dollars for col-  
4 lecting samples, making laboratory examinations and  
5 tests, conducting field tests and otherwise carrying out  
6 the purposes of this act. Hereafter said director shall  
7 include in his estimates for the expenses of said experi-  
8 ment station, such item or items as may from time to  
9 time be necessary hereunder and such expenditures and  
10 estimates shall be subject to the same laws, rules, regula-  
11 tions as other expenditures and estimates of said experi-  
12 ment station.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.



