

Bill accompanying the petition of George P. Webster for an amendment of the law relative to protection against forest fires. Agriculture. January 15.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

Relative to Protection against Forest Fires.

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. Section 1 of chapter three hundred and
2 ninety-eight, acts of nineteen hundred and ten, is hereby
3 amended by striking out the words " five hundred " in
4 the second line and inserting in place thereof the words:
5 —seven hundred and fifty,—so that said section shall read
6 as follows:—Every town in the commonwealth with a val-
7 uation of one million seven hundred and fifty thousand
8 dollars or less which appropriates and expends money with
9 the approval of the state forester for apparatus to be used
10 in preventing or extinguishing forest fires, or for making
11 protective belts or zones as a defence against forest fires,
12 shall be entitled, upon the recommendation of the state
13 forester, approved by the governor, to receive from the
14 treasury of the commonwealth a sum equal to one half of
15 the said expenditure, but no town shall receive more than
16 two hundred and fifty dollars.

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

