

HOUSE No. 1906

Bill accompanying the petition of William W. Wheeler that Mount Tobey be made a state reservation and for the instruction of forestry therein. Agriculture. January 27.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

To establish the Mount Tobey State Reservation and to provide for Instruction therein by the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

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 trustees of the Massachusetts agricul-
2 tural college are hereby authorized to take or acquire by
3 purchase, gift or otherwise, land, not exceeding one thou-
4 sand acres in extent, situated on and about Mount Tobey,
5 so called, in the towns of Sunderland and Leverett, and
6 now owned by John L. Graves and others.

1 SECTION 2. The land acquired under the provisions of
2 this act shall be known as the Mount Tobey state reserva-
3 tion, and title to the land shall be in the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 3. The said trustees shall have the same
2 power to acquire land for the Mount Tobey state reserva-
3 tion which is given to the metropolitan park commission
4 in respect to other land by chapter four hundred and
5 seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-
6 three, and acts amendatory thereof, and shall be vested
7 with full power and authority to care for, protect and
8 maintain the same in behalf of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 4. The trustees of the Massachusetts agricul-
2 tural college are hereby further authorized and directed
3 to use the lands acquired under the provisions of this act,
4 or so much thereof as they shall determine, for the instruc-
5 tion of students in forestry and as a laboratory for the
6 purposes of research and illustration in economic questions
7 and practical work relating to the conservation and use
8 of forest tracts and farm wood lots.

1 SECTION 5. To carry out the purposes of this act a
2 sum not exceeding \$30,000 shall be allowed and paid out
3 of the treasury of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.