

HOUSE No. 126.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 23, 1893.

[Bill accompanying petition of a committee appointed by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for legislation providing for the suppression of insects.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-three.

AN ACT

To provide for the Suppression of Insect Pests.

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 mayor and aldermen of cities
2 and selectmen of towns may annually take such
3 measures as are deemed most effectual for the
4 destruction of insect pests from the highways
5 and from adjacent land at either side of said
6 highways, at the expense of the city or town
7 where such work is performed, and may collect
8 the expense thereof from the abutting land

9 owners in an action of contract in the name of
10 the city or town: *provided, however,* that the
11 mayor and aldermen, or selectmen, shall have
12 previously requested the owners of real estate
13 adjacent to the highways to destroy the insect
14 pests from said real estate and from the highways
15 adjacent thereto, and said owners shall not have
16 in good season signified in writing to the mayor
17 and aldermen, or selectmen, their intention to
18 comply with said request, and shall not have
19 actively commenced the work within a reason-
20 able time thereafter.

1 SECT 2. In towns which have elected road
2 commissioners, said road commissioners shall ex-
3 ercise the authority granted by this act to select-
4 men.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

