

Bill No. 33 of 1941.

A BILL TO AMEND THE AGRICULTURAL  
PESTS ACT.

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**NOTE.**

This Bill amends *The Agricultural Pests Act*.

The amendments to sections 2 and 15 include improvement districts and special areas in the Act instead of extramunicipal areas.

The remaining amendments widen the scope of the Act and the powers of enforcement officers by including in addition to pests, vegetation which may contribute to the spread of such pests. Enforcement officers can now give directions regarding the use, disposition or destruction of vegetation which may be infested, as well as directions regarding the destruction of the pests themselves.

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*(This note does not form any part of the Bill and is offered merely as a partial explanation of some of its provisions.)*

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An Act to amend The Agricultural Pests Act.

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1941.)

**H**IS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Agricultural Pests Act Amendment Act, 1941.*"

2. *The Agricultural Pests Act*, being chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is hereby amended as to section 2,—

- (a) by striking out paragraph (b) thereof;
- (b) by striking out paragraph (d) thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

“(d) ‘Municipality’ shall mean any city, town, village, municipal district, improvement district or special area;”;
- (c) by striking out the words “Provincial police”, where the same occur in paragraph (e) thereof, and by substituting therefor the words “Royal Canadian Mounted Police”.

3. The said Act is further amended as to section 3 by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

“3.—(1) Every person shall take active measures to destroy all pests upon any land or other premises owned, occupied or controlled by him, and when given notice in writing by an officer directing the destruction of pests, he shall obey such notice.

“(2) Every person shall take active measures to destroy any crop vegetation, vegetable, or other matter upon any land or other premises owned, occupied or controlled by him which may contribute to the spread of any pest, and when given notice in writing by an officer directing the use, disposition or destruction of any such vegetation, vegetable or other matter, he shall obey such notice.

“(3) Every person shall take active measures to destroy any seeds, roots, tubers or any other vegetative materials which may be used for propagation and which are infested with any pest, and when given notice in writing by an offi-

cer directing the use, disposition or destruction of any such seeds, roots, tubers or other vegetative materials which may be used for propagation or of any crops produced therefrom, he shall obey such notice.

“(4) Such notice shall,—

“(a) be addressed to the person or persons owning, occupying or controlling the lands and premises affected; and

“(b) describe the lands and premises so affected with regard to which the said notice is given; and

“(c) name the pest, crop vegetation, vegetable or other matter with regard to which it is given; and

“(d) describe the methods which may be followed in, and the material, if any, which may be used for the destruction of any such pest, crop vegetation, vegetable or other matter.”

4. The said Act is further amended as to section 4 by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

“4. Any person who acquires, distributes or uses any seeds, roots, tubers or other vegetative materials for propagation which are infested with any pest, shall be guilty of an offence under this Act.”

5. The said Act is further amended as to section 6 by adding immediately after subsection (2) thereof the following new subsection:

“(3) Wherever in the opinion of the Minister any unoccupied Crown lands within any municipality have become infested with any pests he may order the destruction of such pests, and the cost thereby incurred shall be defrayed out of moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for the purposes of this Act.”

6. The said Act is further amended as to section 9 by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

“9. The Lieutenant Governor in Council upon the report of any inspector setting forth a reasonable belief of the existence of any pest or of any crop vegetation, vegetable or any other matter which may contribute to the spread of any pest in any area defined in such report, may prohibit the removal from such area or movement therein of any crop vegetation, vegetable or other matter, and may prohibit the use or order the disposition or destruction of any such pest, crop vegetation, vegetable or other matter which may result in the spread of any pest.”

7. The said Act is further amended as to section 15 by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

**“15.** The Government may purchase a sufficient quantity of the poison and other ingredients necessary for the preparation of such poisoned bait, and shall supply the same to all mixing stations whether established by it or by a municipality.”

**8.** This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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