

No. 373.

AN ACT

To establish an emergency fund to be used by the Department of Agriculture in emergencies resulting from unforeseen outbreaks of injurious insect pests, plant diseases, or animal diseases; and making an appropriation therefor.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is hereby specifically appropriated and set apart out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of creating an emergency fund to be used, as occasion may require, by the Department of Agriculture in the eradication, suppression, or prevention of outbreaks of animal and poultry diseases, injurious insect pests, or plant diseases, or for the protection of domestic animals, poultry, or plants in such outbreaks whenever such outbreaks could not have reasonably been foreseen or provided against.

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Agriculture.

Emergency fund.

Section 2. The money herein appropriated shall be held in the Treasury of the Commonwealth; and whenever the Secretary of Agriculture shall find that the agricultural welfare of the State is threatened by the probable occurrence or existence of such unforeseen outbreaks he shall prepare a statement to that effect setting forth the facts in the case, including the reason for requesting emergency funds, the amount necessary, and the purposes for which such funds shall be expended, and shall transmit the same to the Governor, the Auditor General, and the State Treasurer. If the statement and the reasons therein set forth shall meet with the approval of these officers, then the Secretary of Agriculture shall be authorized to expend from this emergency fund such sum as may have been requested or approved; such expenditure to be made for the purpose set forth in the statement, as aforesaid, and for no other purpose.

Use of fund.

Section 3. If after said outbreak shall have been suppressed there shall still be an unused balance of the amount approved for such expenditure, said balance shall become a part of the said emergency fund.

Unused balance.

APPROVED—The 13th day of May, A. D. 1925.

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