

# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

# STATE OF VERMONT,

AT THE

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No. 141.—AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED  
 “AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE VILLAGE OF  
 RUTLAND,” APPROVED NOVEMBER 15, 1847.

## SECTION

1. Village boundaries, name, powers, and privileges.
2. Division into wards; trustees to define boundaries; further duties of trustees.
3. Annual meeting, how called; special meetings, how called; voters in village meetings.
4. Village officers, how elected; term; each ward entitled to certain officers.
5. Duty and powers of moderator.
6. Duty and powers of clerk.
7. Duty and powers of treasurer and collector.
8. Village to constitute a highway district, &c.
9. Trustees may lay streets, &c.; appraise and settle damages and make record thereof to be filed in town clerk's office, with proviso; aggrieved party may apply to county court; trustees may assess owners of land adjacent to streets, &c.; right of appeal from such assessment, &c.
10. Duty and powers of fire-ward-

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- ens; penalty of refusing to obey fire-wardens.
11. May make certain by-laws, ordinances, &c., for certain purposes therein named.
12. Trustees may grant licenses, &c.; proceeds to be paid to village treasury.
13. Restriction of payments of money; duty of certain officers relating thereto: auditors may be appointed, &c.
14. Terms of office.
15. All acts, except such as are inconsistent herewith, to remain in full force.
16. May assess a tax; how collected.
17. Village authorized to pay present indebtedness; empowered to issue bonds therefor, &c.
18. No member deemed incompetent to act in legal proceedings by reason of residence.
19. All acts, &c., inconsistent, hereby repealed.
20. To take effect.

*It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont :*

SEC. 1. The inhabitants of that part of the town of Rutland embraced within the following described limits, viz: commencing at a point on the east bank of Otter Creek, where a continuation of Robert Moulthrop's north line would strike said bank of said creek, at the waters edge at low water mark; thence easterly to the said Moulthrop's northeast corner; thence easterly in the same direction to a point due south from the bridge crossing Moon's brook, on Green street; thence north to a point due east of H. H. Baxter's northeast corner; thence west to said Baxter's northeast corner, thence westerly on said Baxter's north line, and

ment and all legal fees, and who shall proceed in the same manner as collectors of town taxes are required by law to proceed in selling real estate at auction for the collection of town taxes.

SEC. 10. The fire-wardens shall have power, in times of fires, to suppress all tumults and riots, by force, if necessary; to direct the labor of all persons present during the continuance of such fires, to remove goods and effects endangered by such fires, and protect the same from waste and depredation, to pull down, or remove any house, store, or other building, when they may deem it necessary to prevent the spreading of such fires, for which neither they, nor their assistants, shall be made liable, and to require of the inhabitants of said village their aid and assistance for the several purposes aforesaid; and said fire-wardens may inspect the manner of manufacturing and keeping gun-powder, lime, ashes, matches, lights, fire-works of all kinds, and other combustibles, and the construction and repairs of fire-places, stoves, flues and chimneys, in said village; and a majority of said fire-wardens may, if they deem the same dangerous, order the persons manufacturing and keeping such gun-powder, lime, ashes, matches, lights, fire-works or combustibles, in what manner to manufacture and keep the same; and the occupants or owners of such fire-places, stoves, flues or chimneys, how to repair the same; and every person refusing or neglecting to obey such order, shall forfeit and pay a fine, not exceeding twenty dollars.

SEC. 11. Said village shall have power to make, establish, alter, amend or repeal ordinances, regulations and by-laws for the following purposes, and to inflict penalties for the breach thereof:

*First.* To establish and regulate a market.

*Second.* To suppress and restrain disorderly and gaming-houses, billiard-tables, and all descriptions of gaming, and for the destruction of all instruments and devices used for that purpose.

*Third.* To regulate the exhibition of common showmen, and of shows of every kind not interdicted by law.

*Fourth.* To abate and remove nuisances.

*Fifth.* To compel the owner or occupant of any unwhole-