



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5013**

LCO No. 3556



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT ADDING CERTAIN PLANTS TO THE INVASIVE PLANTS LIST.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-381d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section and  
4 notwithstanding the provisions of any ordinance adopted by a  
5 municipality, no person shall import, move, sell, purchase, transplant,  
6 cultivate or distribute any of the following invasive plants: (1) Curly  
7 leaved Pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*); (2) fanwort (*Cabomba*  
8 *caroliniana*); (3) eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*); (4)  
9 variable water milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*); (5) water  
10 chestnut (*Trapa natans*); (6) egeria (*Egeria densa*); (7) hydrilla (*Hydrilla*  
11 *verticillata*); (8) common barberry (*Berberis vulgaris*); (9) autumn olive  
12 (*Elaeagnus umbellata*); (10) Bell's honeysuckle (*Lonicera xbella*); (11)  
13 amur honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*); (12) Morrow's honeysuckle  
14 (*Lonicera morrowii*); (13) common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*);  
15 (14) multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*); (15) Oriental bittersweet  
16 (*Celastrus orbiculatus*); (16) garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*); (17)  
17 narrowleaf bittercress (*Cardamine impatiens*); (18) spotted knapweed

18 (Centaurea biebersteinii); (19) black swallow-wort (Cynanchum  
19 louiseae); (20) pale swallow-wort (Cynanchum rossicum); (21) leafy  
20 spurge (Euphorbia esula); (22) Dame's rocket (Hesperis matronalis); (23)  
21 perennial pepperweed (Lepidium latifolium); (24) Japanese knotweed  
22 (Polygonum cuspidatum); (25) mile-a-minute vine (Polygonum  
23 perfoliatum); (26) fig buttercup (Ranunculus ficaria); (27) coltsfoot  
24 (Tussilago farfara); (28) Japanese stilt grass (Microstegium vimineum);  
25 (29) common reed (Phragmites australis); (30) sycamore maple (Acer  
26 pseudoplatanus); (31) princess tree (Paulownia tomentosa); (32) white  
27 poplar (Populus alba); (33) false indigo (Amorpha fruticosa); (34)  
28 Russian olive (Eleagnus angustifolia); (35) wineberry (Rubus  
29 phoenicolasius); (36) kudzu (Pueraria montana); (37) Canada thistle  
30 (Cirsium arvense); (38) jimsonweed (Datura stramonium); (39) crested  
31 late-summer mint (Elsholtzia ciliata); (40) Cypress spurge (Euphorbia  
32 cyparissias); (41) slender snake cotton (Froelichia gracilis); (42) ground  
33 ivy (Glechoma hederacea); (43) giant hogweed (Heracleum  
34 mantegazzianum); (44) Japanese hops (Humulus japonicus); (45)  
35 ornamental jewelweed (Impatiens glandulifera); (46) common kochia  
36 (Kochia scoparia); (47) ragged robin (Lychnis flos-cuculi); (48) Scotch  
37 thistle (Onopordum acanthium); (49) bristle knotweed (Polygonum  
38 caespitosum); (50) giant knotweed (Polygonum sachalinense); (51)  
39 sheep sorrel (Rumex acetosella); (52) ragwort (Senecio jacobaea); (53)  
40 cup plant (Silphium perfoliatum); (54) bittersweet nightshade (Solanum  
41 dulcamara); (55) garden heliotrope (Valeriana officinalis); (56) hairy  
42 jointgrass (Arthraxon hispidus); (57) drooping brome-grass (Bromus  
43 tectorum); (58) Japanese sedge (Carex kobomugi); (59) reed managrass  
44 (Glyceria maxima); (60) Canada bluegrass (Poa compressa); [and] (61)  
45 tree of heaven (Ailanthus altissima); and (62) star of Bethlehem  
46 (Ornithogalum umbellatum).

47 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section and  
48 notwithstanding the provisions of any ordinance adopted by a  
49 municipality, on or after October 1, 2005, no person shall import, move,  
50 sell, purchase, transplant, cultivate or distribute any of the following  
51 invasive plants: (A) Purple loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria); (B) forget-

52 me-not (*Myosotis scorpioides*); (C) Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera*  
53 *japonica*); (D) goutweed (*Aegopodium podagraia*); (E) flowering rush  
54 (*Butomus umbellatus*); (F) pond water-starwort (*Callitriche stagnalis*);  
55 (G) European waterclover (*Marsilea quadrifolia*); (H) parrotfeather  
56 (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*); (I) brittle water-nymph (*Najas minor*); (J)  
57 American water lotus (*Nelumbo lutea*); (K) yellow floating heart  
58 (*Nymphoides peltata*); (L) onerow yellowcress (*Rorippa microphylla*);  
59 (M) watercress (*Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*), except for watercress  
60 sold for human consumption without its reproductive structure; (N)  
61 giant salvinia (*Salvinia molesta*); (O) yellow iris (*Iris pseudacorus*); (P)  
62 border privet (*Ligustrum obtusifolium*); (Q) tatarian honeysuckle  
63 (*Lonicera tatarica*); (R) dwarf honeysuckle (*Lonicera xylosteum*); and (S)  
64 garden loosetrife (*Lysimachia vulgaris*).

65 (2) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section and  
66 notwithstanding the provisions of any ordinance adopted by a  
67 municipality, on or after October 1, 2024, no person shall import, move,  
68 sell, purchase, transplant, cultivate or distribute any of the following  
69 invasive plants: (A) Porcelainberry (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*), (B)  
70 mugwort (*Artemisia vulgaris*), (C) quackgrass (*Elymus repens*), (D)  
71 Japanese angelica tree (*Aralia elata*), (E) Japanese wisteria (*Wisteria*  
72 *floribunda*), and (F) Chinese wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*).

73 (3) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section and  
74 notwithstanding the provisions of any ordinance adopted by a  
75 municipality, on or after October 1, 2027, no person shall import, move,  
76 sell, purchase, transplant, cultivate or distribute callery pear (*Pyrus*  
77 *calleryana*).

78 (4) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section and  
79 notwithstanding the provisions of any ordinance adopted by a  
80 municipality, on or after October 1, 2028, no person shall import, move,  
81 sell, purchase, transplant, cultivate or distribute any of the following  
82 invasive plants: (A) Glossy buckthorn (*frangula almus*), (B) European  
83 buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), (C) reed canary grass (*Phalaris*

84 arundinacea), (D) winged euonymus (Euonymus alatus), (E) European  
85 privet (Ligustrum vulgare), (F) black locust (Robinia pseudoacacia), (G)  
86 miscanthus (Miscanthus sinensis), and (H) Japanese barberry (Berberis  
87 thunbergii).

88 (5) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section and  
89 notwithstanding the provisions of any ordinance adopted by a  
90 municipality, on or after October 1, 2030, no person shall import, move,  
91 sell, purchase, transplant, cultivate or distribute Norway maple (Acer  
92 platanoides).

93 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, and  
94 notwithstanding the provisions of any ordinance adopted by a  
95 municipality, no person shall move, import, sell, purchase, transplant,  
96 cultivate or distribute any reproductive portion of any invasive plant  
97 listed in subsection (a) or (b) of this section. For the purposes of this  
98 section, "reproductive portion" includes, but is not limited to, seeds,  
99 flowers, roots and tubers.

100 (d) The provisions of subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of this section  
101 shall not apply to the moving for eradication, research or educational  
102 purposes of any invasive plant listed in subsection (a) or (b) of this  
103 section or of any reproductive portion of such an invasive plant or to the  
104 cultivating for research purposes of any such plant or reproductive  
105 portion.

106 (e) [From July 1, 2009, until October 1, 2014, no] No municipality shall  
107 adopt any ordinance regarding the retail sale or purchase of any  
108 invasive plant.

109 (f) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be  
110 fined not more than one hundred dollars per plant.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-381d

**Statement of Purpose:**

To prohibit the sale, use and distribution of certain invasive plants in the state.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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