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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 25-126—sHB 5013

Environment Committee

AN ACT ADDING CERTAIN PLANTS TO THE INVASIVE PLANTS LIST

SUMMARY: This act prohibits municipalities from adopting ordinances on the retail sale or purchase of invasive plants. (A similar ban was previously in place from July 1, 2009, until October 1, 2014.) The act also adds, over a series of years, 10 plants to the list of invasive or potentially invasive plants that are generally banned in the state. By law, a violator is subject to a fine of up to \$100 per plant.

Specifically, the act prohibits anyone, regardless of any municipal ordinance, from importing; moving (except for eradication, research, or educational purposes); selling; purchasing; transplanting; cultivating (except for research purposes); or distributing the following plants or their reproductive portions (e.g., seeds, flowers, roots, tubers):

1. beginning on the act's passage, the star of Bethlehem;
2. beginning October 1, 2028, the Glossy buckthorn, European buckthorn, reed canary grass, winged euonymus, European privet, black locust, miscanthus, and Japanese barberry; and
3. beginning October 1, 2030, the Norway maple.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage