



HOUSE BILL No. 4774

May 3, 1995, Introduced by Reps. Middaugh, Alley, Hill, Perricone, Sikkema, Gnodtke, Freeman, LaForge, Brater, DeHart, Murphy, Bobier, Byl, Jellema, Bodem, Munsell and McManus and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Environment and Great Lakes.

A bill to regulate the planting, cultivation, sale, offering for sale, distribution, and transportation of certain nonnative plants.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) As used in this act:

2 (a) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,
3 association, governmental entity, or any other legal entity.

4 (b) "Purple loosestrife" means *Lythrum salicaria* and *Lythrum*
5 *virgatum* or a hybrid of these species.

6 (2) A person shall not plant, cultivate, sell, offer to
7 sell, distribute, or transport, in this state, purple
8 loosestrife.

9 Sec. 2. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2),
10 a person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor
11 punishable by both of the following:

1 (a) A fine of not more than \$500.00.

2 (b) If the person is a nursery dealer as defined under the
3 insect pest and plant disease act, Act No. 189 of the Public Acts
4 of 1931, being sections 286.201 to 286.226 of the Michigan
5 Compiled Laws, forfeiture of the nursery dealer's certificate
6 issued under Act No. 189 of the Public Acts of 1931, for 1 year.

7 (2) A person who violates this act by transporting purple
8 loosestrife in this state is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable
9 by a fine of not more than \$500.00.