
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5225

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INVASIVE PLANTS COUNCIL.

SUMMARY

This bill adds seven plants to the list of invasive or potentially invasive plants that are generally banned in the state. By law, a violator of the ban is subject to a fine of up to \$100 per plant.

Specifically, beginning October 1, 2024, and regardless of any municipal ordinance, the bill prohibits anyone 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): Porcelainberry, mugwort, quackgrass, Japanese angelica tree, Japanese wisteria, and Chinese wisteria. Beginning October 1, 2027, it similarly prohibits anyone from taking these actions with respect to callery pear.

The bill also requires the Invasive Plants Council to submit a report to the Environment Committee by March 1, 2025, on the cultivars of Japanese barberry and Burning bush that are sterile and may reasonably be sold in the state. (By law, the council must annually publish and periodically update the list of invasive and potentially invasive plants and recommend ways to control them, among other things.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2024, except for the report provision, which takes effect upon passage.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 34 Nay 0 (03/08/2024)