THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 990

Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY DINNIMAN AND RAFFERTY, OCTOBER 7, 2015

REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, OCTOBER 7, 2015

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 7, 1982 (P.L.228, No.74), entitled "An act relating to noxious weeds; creating a Noxious Weed 2 Control Committee and defining its powers and duties; 3 imposing powers and duties on the Secretary of Agriculture 4 and municipalities; providing penalties; and making a 5 repeal," further providing for definitions and for noxious 6 weed control list. 7 8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 10 Section 1. Section 2 of the act of April 7, 1982 (P.L.228, No.74), known as the Noxious Weed Control Law, is amended by 11 adding a definition to read: 12 13 Section 2. Definitions. 14 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the 15 16 meanings given to them in this section: "Bamboo." Any of the following: 17 18 (1) Bambusa vulgaris, commonly known as common bamboo. (2) Phyllostachys aurea, commonly known as golden 19 20 bamboo. 21 (3) Pseudosasa, commonly known as arrow bamboo.

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- 2 Section 2. Section 8 of the act, amended July 7, 1994
- 3 (P.L.439, No.72), is amended to read:
- 4 Section 8. Noxious weed control list.
- 5 The noxious weed control list shall include but not be
- 6 limited to the following weeds:
- 7 (1) Cannabis sativa, commonly known as marihuana.
- 8 (2) Cirsium arvense, commonly known as Canadian thistle.
- 9 (3) Rosa multiflora, commonly known as multiflora rose.
- 10 (4) Sorghum halepense, commonly known as Johnson grass.
- 11 <u>(5)</u> Bamboo.
- 12 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.