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HOUSE BILL NO. 2194

Offered January 11, 2017

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-902 of the Code of Virginia, relating to designation of golden bamboo as a noxious weed.*

Patron—Rush

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-902 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-902. Authority of locality to control certain noxious weeds.

A. Any locality may by ordinance prevent, control, and abate the growth, importation, spread, and contamination of uninfested lands by the species of grass *Sorghum halepense*, commonly known as Johnson grass; *the species of grass Phyllostachys aurea, commonly known as golden bamboo*; or by the woody shrub ~~rosa~~ *Rosa multiflora*, commonly known as multiflora rose.

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is authorized to provide financial and technical assistance to, and enter into agreements with, any locality ~~which~~ *that* adopts an ordinance for the control of Johnson grass, *golden bamboo*, or multiflora rose.

B. Any locality may by ordinance control the growth of (i) musk thistle, the weed designated as *Carduus nutans* L., a biennial weed of the ~~Compositae~~ *Asteraceae* family, or (ii) curled thistle, the weed designated as *Carduus acanthoides* L., an annual and biennial weed of the ~~Compositae~~ *Asteraceae* family. Any such musk thistle or curled thistle growing in the locality may be declared a public nuisance and noxious weed, harmful to plant and grass growth and to pastures, and may be destroyed.

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