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To: Agriculture

SENATE BILL NO. 3084

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE TO  
2 REGULATE NOXIOUS PLANTS; TO DECLARE CERTAIN PLANTS AND WEEDS AS  
3 NOXIOUS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. (1) The Commissioner of Agriculture may adopt  
6 reasonable regulations to implement and carry out the purposes of  
7 this act to eradicate, repress and prevent the spread of plant  
8 pests and noxious plants and weeds within the state, from within  
9 the state to points outside the state, and from outside the state  
10 to points within the state. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall  
11 adopt regulations for eradicating such plants, pests and noxious  
12 plants and weeds as he may deem capable of being economically  
13 eradicated, for repressing such as cannot be economically  
14 eradicated, and for preventing their spread within the state. The  
15 commissioner may also adopt reasonable regulations for preventing  
16 the introduction of dangerous plants, pests and noxious plants and  
17 weeds from without the state.

18 (2) The commissioner is authorized, in order to control  
19 plant pests, to adopt regulations governing the inspection,  
20 certification and movement of nursery stock into the state from  
21 outside the state, within the state and from within the state to  
22 points outside the state. The commissioner shall designate those  
23 plants and weeds deemed noxious. In addition to the plants and  
24 weeds designated noxious by the commissioner, the following weeds  
25 are declared noxious:

26 (a) Kudzu;

- 27 (b) Hydrilla;
- 28 (c) Itchgrass;
- 29 (d) Cogongrass; and
- 30 (e) Tropical soda apple.

31 SECTION 2. Section 1 shall be codified in Chapter 25 of  
32 Title 69, Mississippi Code of 1972.

33 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
34 and after July 1, 2000.