



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5225**

LCO No. 1167



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INVASIVE PLANTS COUNCIL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-381d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

3 (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section and  
4 notwithstanding the provisions of any ordinance adopted by a  
5 municipality, no person shall import, move, sell, purchase, transplant,  
6 cultivate or distribute any of the following invasive plants: (1) Curly  
7 leaved Pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*); (2) fanwort (*Cabomba*  
8 *caroliniana*); (3) eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*); (4)  
9 variable water milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*); (5) water  
10 chestnut (*Trapa natans*); (6) egeria (*Egeria densa*); (7) hydrilla (*Hydrilla*  
11 *verticillata*); (8) common barberry (*Berberis vulgaris*); (9) autumn olive  
12 (*Elaeagnus umbellata*); (10) Bell's honeysuckle (*Lonicera xbella*); (11)  
13 amur honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*); (12) Morrow's honeysuckle  
14 (*Lonicera morrowii*); (13) common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*);  
15 (14) multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*); (15) Oriental bittersweet

16 (Celastrus orbiculatus); (16) garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*); (17)  
 17 narrowleaf bittercress (*Cardamine impatiens*); (18) spotted knapweed  
 18 (*Centaurea biebersteinii*); (19) black swallow-wort (*Cynanchum*  
 19 *louiseae*); (20) pale swallow-wort (*Cynanchum rossicum*); (21) leafy  
 20 spurge (*Euphorbia esula*); (22) Dame's rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*); (23)  
 21 perennial pepperweed (*Lepidium latifolium*); (24) Japanese knotweed  
 22 (*Polygonum cuspidatum*); (25) mile-a-minute vine (*Polygonum*  
 23 *perfoliatum*); (26) fig buttercup (*Ranunculus ficaria*); (27) coltsfoot  
 24 (*Tussilago farfara*); (28) Japanese stilt grass (*Microstegium vimineum*);  
 25 (29) common reed (*Phragmites australis*); (30) sycamore maple (*Acer*  
 26 *pseudoplatanus*); (31) princess tree (*Paulownia tomentosa*); (32) white  
 27 poplar (*Populus alba*); (33) false indigo (*Amorpha fruticosa*); (34)  
 28 Russian olive (*Eleagnus angustifolia*); (35) wineberry (*Rubus*  
 29 *phoenicolasius*); (36) kudzu (*Pueraria montana*); (37) Canada thistle  
 30 (*Cirsium arvense*); (38) jimsonweed (*Datura stramonium*); (39) crested  
 31 late-summer mint (*Elsholtzia ciliata*); (40) Cypress spurge (*Euphorbia*  
 32 *cyparissias*); (41) slender snake cotton (*Froelichia gracilis*); (42) ground  
 33 ivy (*Glechoma hederacea*); (43) giant hogweed (*Heracleum*  
 34 *mantegazzianum*); (44) Japanese hops (*Humulus japonicus*); (45)  
 35 ornamental jewelweed (*Impatiens glanulifera*); (46) common kochia  
 36 (*Kochia scoparia*); (47) ragged robin (*Lychnis flos-cuculi*); (48) Scotch  
 37 thistle (*Onopordum acanthium*); (49) bristle knotweed (*Polygonum*  
 38 *caespitosum*); (50) giant knotweed (*Polygonum sachalinense*); (51)  
 39 sheep sorrel (*Rumex acetosella*); (52) ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*); (53)  
 40 cup plant (*Silphium perfoliatum*); (54) bittersweet nightshade (*Solanum*  
 41 *dulcamara*); (55) garden heliotrope (*Valeriana officinalis*); (56) hairy  
 42 jointgrass (*Arthraxon hispidus*); (57) drooping brome-grass (*Bromus*  
 43 *tectorum*); (58) Japanese sedge (*Carex kobomugi*); (59) reed managrass  
 44 (*Glyceria maxima*); (60) Canada bluegrass (*Poa compressa*); and (61) tree  
 45 of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*).

46 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section and  
 47 notwithstanding the provisions of any ordinance adopted by a  
 48 municipality, on or after October 1, 2005, no person shall import, move,  
 49 sell, purchase, transplant, cultivate or distribute any of the following

50 invasive plants: (1) Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*); (2) forget-me-  
51 not (*Myosotis scorpioides*); (3) Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera*  
52 *japonica*); (4) goutweed (*Aegopodium podagraia*); (5) flowering rush  
53 (*Butomus umbellatus*); (6) pond water-starwort (*Callitriche stagnalis*);  
54 (7) European waterclover (*Marsilea quadrifolia*); (8) parrotfeather  
55 (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*); (9) brittle water-nymph (*Najas minor*); (10)  
56 American water lotus (*Nelumbo lutea*); (11) yellow floating heart  
57 (*Nymphoides peltata*); (12) onerow yellowcress (*Rorippa microphylla*);  
58 (13) watercress (*Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*), except for watercress  
59 sold for human consumption without its reproductive structure; (14)  
60 giant salvinia (*Salvinia molesta*); (15) yellow iris (*Iris pseudacorus*); (16)  
61 border privet (*Ligustrum obtusifolium*); (17) tatarian honeysuckle  
62 (*Lonicera tatarica*); (18) dwarf honeysuckle (*Lonicera xylostenum*); and  
63 (19) garden loostrife (*Lysimachia vulgaris*).

64 (2) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section and  
65 notwithstanding the provisions of any ordinance adopted by a  
66 municipality, on or after October 1, 2024, no person shall import, move,  
67 sell, purchase, transplant, cultivate or distribute any of the following  
68 invasive plants: (A) Porcelainberry (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*), (B)  
69 mugwort (*Artemisia vulgaris*), (C) quackgrass (*Elymus repens*), (D)  
70 Japanese angelica tree (*Aralia elata*), (E) Japanese wisteria (*Wisteria*  
71 *floribunda*), and (F) Chinese wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*).

72 (3) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section and  
73 notwithstanding the provisions of any ordinance adopted by a  
74 municipality, on or after October 1, 2027, no person shall import, move,  
75 sell, purchase, transplant, cultivate or distribute callery pear (*Pyrus*  
76 *calleryana*).

77 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, and  
78 notwithstanding the provisions of any ordinance adopted by a  
79 municipality, no person shall move, import, sell, purchase, transplant,  
80 cultivate or distribute any reproductive portion of any invasive plant  
81 listed in subsection (a) or (b) of this section. For the purposes of this  
82 section, "reproductive portion" includes, but is not limited to, seeds,

83 flowers, roots and tubers.

84 (d) The provisions of subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of this section  
85 shall not apply to the moving for eradication, research or educational  
86 purposes of any invasive plant listed in subsection (a) or (b) of this  
87 section or of any reproductive portion of such an invasive plant or to the  
88 cultivating for research purposes of any such plant or reproductive  
89 portion.

90 (e) From July 1, 2009, until October 1, 2014, no municipality shall  
91 adopt any ordinance regarding the retail sale or purchase of any  
92 invasive plant.

93 (f) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be  
94 fined not more than one hundred dollars per plant.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	22a-381d

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the recent recommendations of the Invasive Plants Council by prohibiting the sale and cultivation of certain plants determined to be invasive or potentially invasive.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*