

April 15, 2009

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2371

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 874 and 875 of the Senate Journal and pages 943 and 944 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2371 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "to" insert "provide for the control of invasive species; to"

Page 1, line 3, replace "and to amend and reenact" with "relating to the distribution of state appropriations for noxious weed control."

Page 1, remove lines 4 through 6

Page 4, remove lines 1 through 31

Page 5, remove lines 1 through 18

Page 5, line 21, remove "**Local**" and overstrike "**share**" and insert immediately thereafter "**Distribution**"

Page 5, line 25, remove "or invasive species"

Page 6, line 2, remove "or invasive species"

Page 6, line 3, overstrike the first "the" and insert immediately thereafter "a" and replace "the" with "a"

Page 6, replace lines 4 through 28 with:

**"SECTION 4. County and city weed boards - Control of invasive species - Acceptance of funds.**

1. If a county or a city weed board determines that an invasive species is present within its jurisdiction, the weed board shall notify the commissioner.
2. a. If funds for the control of invasive species are available to the commissioner, the commissioner may forward the funds to a weed board for the purpose of controlling the invasive species on public land and assisting private landowners in their efforts to voluntarily control the invasive species provided:
  - (1) The commissioner determines that, without intervention, the invasive species is likely to become a noxious weed during the ensuing five-year period; and
  - (2) The weed board files a plan with the commissioner detailing the manner in which and the time within which the funds are to be expended.

- b. Notwithstanding any other law, a county or a city weed board may accept funds under this subsection and implement a plan, approved by the commissioner, for the control of invasive species within its jurisdiction.
- 3. In addition to any funds available from the commissioner, a county or a city weed board may accept funds from any other source to control invasive species within its jurisdiction.
- 4. For purposes of this section, an invasive species means a plant species that has been introduced into this state and which the North Dakota state university extension service determines has caused or is likely to cause:
  - a. Economic harm;
  - b. Environmental harm; or
  - c. Harm to human health.

**SECTION 5. ENVIRONMENT AND RANGELAND PROTECTION FUND - INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL.** The agriculture commissioner may use up to \$50,000 of the amount available to the commissioner from the environment and rangeland protection fund, in accordance with House Bill No. 1009, as approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly, for the purpose of controlling invasive species as provided by section 4 of this Act."

Renumber accordingly