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BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 4774 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative James Middaugh
House Committee: Conservation, Environment and Great Lakes
Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Insect Pest and Plant Disease Act to prohibit a person from selling, offering to sell, or distributing seed from purple loosestrife in Michigan. "Purple loosestrife" would mean a nonnative member of the genus *lythrum*, or hybrid of that genus.

In addition, the bill would prohibit a person from selling at retail or offering to sell at retail any nonnative cultivars of the genus *lythrum*, or hybrids of that genus, except for the cultivars of *lythrum virgatum* commercially known as rose queen, the rocket, morden pink, morden gleam, morden rose, dropmore purple, or columbia pink.

Further, as of January 1, 1997, retail sales of purple loosestrife would not be allowed in Michigan, except for cultivars developed and recognized to be sterile and approved by the Director of the Department of Agriculture.

The bill would allow one exception to these prohibitions: The Department of Agriculture could issue a permit authorizing a person to conduct research using purple loosestrife.

Proposed MCL 286.216a

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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