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BAN LOOSESTRIFE

House Bill 4774

Sponsor: Rep. James Middaugh

**Committee: Conservation, Environment
and Great Lakes**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4774 AS INTRODUCED 5-5-95

House Bill 4774 would create an act to regulate the planting, cultivation, sale, offering for sale, distribution, and transportation of certain nonnative plants, and to specify penalties for selling purple loosestrife. Under the act, "purple loosestrife" would refer to the species *Lythrum salicaria* and *Lythrum virgatum*, or a hybrid of these species.

Under the bill, it would be a misdemeanor to plant, cultivate, sell, or distribute purple loosestrife, punishable by a fine of up to \$500 and forfeiture of a nursery dealer's certificate for one year, if the person were a nursery dealer, as defined under the Insect Pest and Plant Disease Act. Transporting purple loosestrife within the state would also be misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

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