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An Act To Amend the Rules Regulating Invasive Terrestrial Plant Species

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative VACHON of Scarborough.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2217, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 785, §3, is amended to read:
3	§2217. Rules
4 5 6 7	The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this chapter. Rules adopted by the commissioner regarding nonnative invasive terrestrial plants may regulate only those nonnative terrestrial plants that are determined to be invasive. The commissioner may not adopt rules to regulate plants that are likely or potentially invasive.
8	SUMMARY
9	This bill restricts the rule-making authority of the Commissioner of Agriculture,
10 11	Conservation and Forestry regarding nonnative invasive terrestrial plants to allow the commissioner to adopt rules regarding those nonnative terrestrial plants that are
12 13	determined to be invasive. The commissioner may not adopt rules to regulate plants that are likely or potentially invasive.