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## **An Act To Amend the Rules Regulating Invasive Terrestrial Plant Species**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2217**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 785, §3, is amended to read:

### **§ 2217. Rules**

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.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill restricts the rule-making authority of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry regarding nonnative invasive terrestrial plants to allow the commissioner to adopt rules regarding 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.