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An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Invasive Aquatic Plants

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §410-N, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 561, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 B. "Invasive aquatic plant" means a species identified by the department as an invasive
5 aquatic plant or one of the following species:

6 (1) All Myriophyllum species nonindigenous to the State, including but not limited
7 to variable-leaf water-milfoil, Myriophyllum heterophyllum; Eurasian water
8 milfoil water-milfoil, Myriophyllum spicatum; and parrot feather, Myriophyllum
9 aquaticum;

10 (2) ~~Variable leaf water milfoil, Myriophyllum heterophyllum;~~

11 (3) ~~Parrot feather, Myriophyllum aquaticum;~~

12 (4) ~~Water~~ All Trapa species, including but not limited to water chestnut, Trapa
13 natans;

14 (5) Hydrilla, Hydrilla verticillata;

15 (6) ~~Fanwort~~ All Cabomba species, including but not limited to fanwort, Cabomba
16 caroliniana;

17 (7) Curly pondweed, Potamogeton crispus;

18 (8) European naiad, Najas minor;

19 (9) Brazilian elodea, Egeria densa;

20 (10) Frogbit, Hydrocharis morsus-ranae; ~~and~~

21 (11) Yellow floating heart, Nymphoides peltata-;

22 (12) Water soldier, Stratiotes aloides;

23 (13) Giant salvinia, Salvinia molesta;

24 (14) Swollen bladderwort, Utricularia inflata; and

25 (15) Starry stonewort, Nitellopsis obtusa.

26 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §419-C, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 627, §6, is
27 further amended to read:

28 C. After September 1, 2000, sell or offer for sale in this State any invasive aquatic
29 plant or any plant of the species and varieties in the genus Myriophyllum that is
30 indigenous to the State; or

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill includes in the definition for certain conservation and environmental
33 protection laws of "invasive aquatic plant" all Myriophyllum species that are
34 nonindigenous to the State, as well as all Trapa species, all Cabomba species and the plants
35 water soldier, giant salvinia, swollen bladderwort and starry stonewort. Sales of invasive
36 aquatic plants are prohibited in the State under current law. This bill also prohibits the sale
37 in this State of any plant of the genus Myriophyllum that is indigenous to the State.