

# HOUSE BILL 515

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By: **Delegates Ghrist, Adams, Arentz, Jacobs, and Mautz**

Introduced and read first time: January 26, 2018

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agriculture – Noxious Weeds – Palmer Amaranth**

3 FOR the purpose of adding Palmer amaranth to the list of plants considered to be noxious  
4 weeds in the State; and generally relating to weed control in the State.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Agriculture  
7 Section 9–401  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
11 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

### Article – Agriculture

12 9–401.

14 (a) The existence of growth of certain species of plants is declared to be noxious.

15 (b) The following plants are considered to be noxious weeds in the State:

16 (1) Thistles belonging to the asteraceae or compositae family, including  
17 Canada, musk, nodding, plumeless, and bull thistle;

18 (2) Johnsongrass (sorghum halepense) or hybrids that contain  
19 Johnsongrass as a parent; [and]

20 (3) Shatter cane and wild cane (sorghum bicolor); **AND**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(4) PALMER AMARANTH (AMARANTHUS PALMERI S. WATSON).**

2                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
3                   October 1, 2018.