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**By: Delegate Clagett**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Noxious Weed - Purple Loosestrife**

3 FOR the purpose of designating purple loosestrife as a noxious weed in the State.

4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

5 Article - Agriculture

6 Section 9-401

7 Annotated Code of Maryland

8 (1985 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

11 **Article - Agriculture**

12 9-401.

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

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

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

17 (2) Johnson grass (sorghum halepense) or hybrids that contain Johnson  
18 grass as a parent; [and]

19 (3) Shatter cane and wild cane (sorghum bicolor); AND

20 (4) PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE (LYTHRUM SALICARIA).

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 1996.