

SENATE BILL 151

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Noxious Weeds - Mile-a-Minute Weed**

3 FOR the purpose of declaring a certain plant species to be a noxious weed.

4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

5 Article - Agriculture

6 Section 9-401

7 Annotated Code of Maryland

8 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 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
14 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) Johnson grass (sorghum halepense) or hybrids that contain Johnson
19 grass as a parent; [and]

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

21 (4) MILE-A-MINUTE WEED (ASIATIC TEARTHUMB OR DEVIL'S
22 TEARTHUMB).

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2004.

