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HOUSE BILL NO. 314

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources on February 2, 2022)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Krizek)

A BILL to disseminate consumer information about noxious weeds and invasive plants.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. The Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services (the Commissioner) shall, by January 1, 2023, develop a brochure for use by retail establishments that sell plants in the Commonwealth that explains the value of plant species native to the Commonwealth and the harm of noxious weeds and other invasive plants, and shall include information as to how to access more information about noxious weeds and invasive plant species on the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service's website. The brochure shall be available for reproduction by a retail establishment, at the retail establishment's expense. The Commissioner shall work with relevant industry stakeholders to facilitate the distribution of the information contained in the brochure.