

HOUSE BILL No. 5582

April 13, 2000, Introduced by Rep. Mead and referred to the Committee on Conservation and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1929 PA 313, entitled

"An act to provide for the control and eradication of white pine blister rust; to provide for the destruction of trees, plants and bushes infected with white pine blister rust; to authorize the commissioner of agriculture to remove, appraise and pay for healthy host plants necessarily destroyed; to declare certain plants and bushes a public nuisance; to authorize the commissioner to set aside fruiting currant and gooseberry and white pine growing districts as control areas; to provide for co-operation between state departments; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide funds for carrying out the purposes of this act; and to provide penalties for its violation,"

by amending section 2 (MCL 286.102).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. (1) The fungous disease commonly known as the white
2 pine blister rust caused by the organism *Cronartium ribicola*
3 Fischer ~~—~~ is ~~hereby~~ declared to be a dangerous forest pest in
4 all its stages. ~~—; and it shall be the duty of the commissioner~~

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1 (2) THE DIRECTOR of THE DEPARTMENT OF agriculture ~~to~~ SHALL
2 enforce AND ADMINISTER the measures ~~hereinafter~~ specified IN
3 THIS ACT for the control of this pest. ~~The commissioner of~~
4 ~~agriculture is hereby empowered to make such rules and regula-~~
5 ~~tions as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act~~
6 ~~and all~~

7 (3) ALL state departments ~~co=operating with the state~~
8 ~~department of agriculture~~ shall ~~issue and promulgate rules and~~
9 ~~regulations for~~ COOPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN
10 the control and eradication of the white pine blister rust. ~~in~~
11 ~~harmony with those issued and promulgated by the state department~~
12 ~~of agriculture so that the work carried on may all be along the~~
13 ~~same line.~~