

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~~

**HB 5582, As Passed Senate, May 18, 2000**

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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.~~