

Act No. 136
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
90TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2000**

Introduced by Rep. Mead

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5582

AN ACT 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).

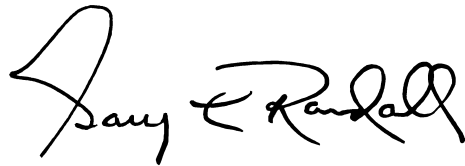
The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 2. (1) The fungus disease commonly known as the white pine blister rust caused by the organism *Cronartium ribicola* Fischer is declared to be a dangerous forest pest in all its stages.

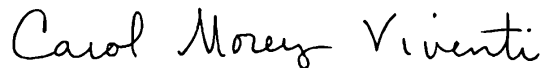
(2) The director of the department of agriculture shall enforce and administer the measures specified in this act for the control of this pest.

(3) All state departments shall cooperate with the department of agriculture in the control and eradication of the white pine blister rust.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives.



Secretary of the Senate.

Approved _____

Governor.