

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Art. 48, §198 of the Code. The present reference to the "prosecuting officer" of the county is proposed for deletion because the State's attorney is the only prosecuting officer. The present reference to city, meaning Baltimore City, is proposed for deletion because under Art. 1, §14 and §1-101(b) of the Code, a reference to county includes Baltimore City. The only other changes made are in style.

SUBTITLE 4. WEED CONTROL.

SEC. 9-401. DECLARATION OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

THE EXISTENCE OF GROWTH OF A SPECIES OF GRASS, SORGHUM HALEPENSE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS JOHNSONGRASS IS DECLARED TO BE A PUBLIC AND COMMON NUISANCE.

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SEC. 9-402. POWERS OF SECRETARY.

THE SECRETARY MAY:

(1) MAKE INVESTIGATIONS, STUDIES, AND DETERMINATIONS HE DEEMS ADVISABLE IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THE EXTENT OF GROWTH AND INFESTATION OF JOHNSONGRASS AND OTHER WEED SPECIES IN THE STATE, AND THE EFFECT OF THE SPECIES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION;

(2) FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING, DESIGNATE OTHER SPECIES OF WEEDS WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECT OR THREATEN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND CARRY OUT PRACTICES NECESSARY TO BRING ABOUT CONTROL OR ABATEMENT OF THE SPECIES, OR BOTH;

(3) INSTITUTE PROGRAMS OF CONTROL AND ERADICATION;

(4) ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH ANY COUNTY AND SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, WITH ANY ADJOINING STATE, AND WITH AGENCIES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO EFFECT A PROGRAM OF CONTROL AND ERADICATION; AND

(5) ACCEPT, USE, OR EXPEND ANY AID, GIFT, GRANT, OR LOAN MADE AVAILABLE FROM ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCE TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS