

HOUSE BILL No. 2271

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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1 AN ACT concerning agriculture; relating to plant pest inspection and
2 control; amending K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 2-2113, 2-2115, 2-2116, 2-2117,
3 2-2118, 2-2120, 2-2122, 2-2123, 2-2124, 2-2125, 2-2126, 2-2128 and
4 2-2129 and repealing the existing sections.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 2-2113 is hereby amended to read as
8 follows: 2-2113. As used in this act:

9 (a) "Plant pests" include any stage of development of any insect,
10 nematode, arachnid, or any other invertebrate animal, or any bacteria,
11 fungus, virus, weed or any other parasitic plant or microorganism, which
12 can injure plants or plant products.

13 (b) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Kansas department of
14 agriculture, or the authorized representative of the secretary.

15 (c) "Plants ~~and plant products~~" means trees, shrubs, grasses, vines,
16 forage and cereal plants and all other plants; cuttings, grafts, scions, buds
17 and all other parts of plants;

18 (d) "*Plant products*" means ~~and~~ fruit, vegetables, roots, bulbs, seeds,
19 wood, lumber, grains and all other plant products.

20 ~~(d)~~(e) "Location" means any grounds or premises on or in which live
21 plants are propagated, or grown, or from which live plants are removed
22 for sale, or any grounds or premises on or in which live plants are being
23 fumigated, treated, packed, stored, or offered for sale.

24 ~~(e)~~(f) "Live plant dealer" means any person, unless excluded by
25 rules and regulations of the secretary *adopted hereunder*; who:

26 (1) Grows live plants for sale or distribution;

27 (2) buys or obtains live plants for the purpose of reselling or
28 reshipping within this state;

29 (3) plants, transplants or moves live plants from place to place
30 within the state with the intent to plant such live plants for others and
31 receives compensation for the live plants, for the planting of such live
32 plants or for both live plants and plantings; or

33 (4) gives live plants as a premium or for advertising purposes.

34 ~~(f)~~(g) "Person" means a corporation, company, society, association,
35 partnership, governmental agency and any individual or combination of
36 individuals.

1 ~~(g)~~(h) "Permit" means a document issued or authorized by the
2 secretary to provide for the movement of regulated articles to restricted
3 destinations for limited handling, utilization; or processing.

4 ~~(h)~~(i) "Host" means any plant or plant product upon which a plant
5 pest is dependent for completion of any portion of its life cycle.

6 ~~(i)~~(j) "Regulated article" means any host or any article of any
7 character as described in a quarantine or regulation carrying or being
8 capable of carrying the plant pest against which the quarantine or
9 regulation is directed.

10 ~~(j)~~(k) "Live plant" means any living plant, cultivated or wild, or any
11 part thereof that can be planted or propagated unless specifically
12 exempted by the rules or regulations of the secretary.

13 ~~(k)~~(l) "Quarantine pest" means a pest of potential economic
14 importance to the area endangered thereby and not yet present there, or
15 present but not widely distributed and being officially controlled.

16 ~~(l)~~(m) "Regulated nonquarantine pest" means a nonquarantine pest
17 whose presence in *live* plants for planting affects the intended use of
18 those *live* plants with an economically unacceptable impact and which is
19 therefore regulated.

20 ~~(m)~~(n) "Official control" means the active enforcement of
21 mandatory ~~phytosanitary~~ *phytosanitary* regulations and the application of
22 mandatory ~~phytosanitary~~ *phytosanitary* procedures with the objective of
23 eradication or containment of quarantine pests or for the management of
24 regulated nonquarantine pest.

25 ~~(n)~~(o) "Regulated area" means an area into which, within which
26 ~~and/or~~ from which plants, plant products and other regulated articles
27 are subjected to ~~phytosanitary~~ *phytosanitary* regulations or procedures in
28 order to prevent the introduction ~~and/or~~ spread, or both, of quarantine
29 pests or to limit the economic impact of regulated nonquarantine pests.

30 ~~(o)~~(p) "Bee" means a honey-producing insect of the genus *Apis*
31 including all life stages of the insect.

32 ~~(p)~~(q) "Beekeeping equipment" means all hives, supers, frames or
33 other devices used in the rearing or manipulation of bees or their brood.

34 ~~(q) "Bee pest" means any infectious, contagious or communicable
35 disease or harmful parasite or insects affecting honey bees or their brood.~~

36 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 2-2115 is hereby amended to read as
37 follows: 2-2115. To effectuate the purposes of this act *and any rules or
38 regulations adopted hereunder*, the secretary shall have the right to:

39 (a) Enter and inspect, *monitor and place and inspect monitoring
40 equipment in, and obtain samples from* any property in this state, except
41 private dwellings, *at any reasonable time*; or, ~~to~~ (b) stop and
42 inspect any means of conveyance moving within this state, upon ~~probable
43 cause~~ *reasonable suspicion* to believe it contains or carries any plant pest

1 or other article subject to this act.

2 *(c) If access to any property sought under the provisions of this*
3 *section for the purposes authorized is denied, the secretary may apply to*
4 *any court of competent jurisdiction for an order providing for such*
5 *access. The court shall, upon proper application, issue an order*
6 *providing for access to such property.*

7 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 2-2116 is hereby amended to read as
8 follows: 2-2116. *(a) Wherever the secretary finds a plant, plant product*
9 *or other regulated article that is infested by a plant pest or finds that a*
10 *plant pest exists on any premises in this state or is in transit in this state,*
11 *the secretary may:*

12 *(1) Upon giving notice to the owner or an agent of the owner in*
13 *possession thereof, may seize, quarantine, treat; or otherwise dispose of*
14 *such plant pest in such manner as the secretary deems necessary to*
15 *suppress, control, eradicate, or prevent or retard the spread of such plant*
16 *pest; or*

17 *(2) ~~the secretary may~~ order such owner or agent to so treat or*
18 *otherwise dispose of ~~the~~ such plant pest. If such owner fails to comply*
19 *with such order, the secretary may treat or otherwise dispose of such*
20 *plant pest.*

21 *(b) After notice and opportunity for a hearing in accordance with*
22 *the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act, the secretary*
23 *may assess against such owner any expense incurred by the secretary in*
24 *treating or otherwise disposing of such plant pest.*

25 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 2-2117 is hereby amended to read as
26 follows: 2-2117. The secretary is authorized to quarantine this state or
27 any portion thereof when the secretary determines that such action is
28 necessary to prevent or retard the spread of a plant pest and to quarantine
29 any other state or portion thereof whenever the secretary determines that
30 a plant pest exists therein and that such action is necessary to prevent or
31 retard its spread into this state. Before promulgating the determination
32 that a quarantine is necessary, the secretary, after *providing* due notice to
33 interested parties, shall hold a public hearing at which any interested
34 party may appear and be heard either in person or by attorney. The
35 secretary may impose a temporary quarantine for a period not to exceed
36 90 days during which time a public hearing, as provided in this section,
37 shall be held if it appears that a quarantine for more than the 90-day
38 period will be necessary to prevent or retard the spread of the plant pest.
39 The secretary may limit the application of the quarantine to the infested
40 portion of the quarantined area and appropriate environs, to be known as
41 the regulated area, and, without further hearing, may extend the regulated
42 area to include additional portions of the quarantined area. Following the
43 establishment of the quarantine, no person shall move the plant pest

1 against which the quarantine is established or move any regulated article
2 described in the quarantine, within, from, into or through this state
3 contrary to the quarantine promulgated by the secretary. The quarantine
4 may restrict the movement of the plant pest and any regulated articles
5 from the quarantined or regulated area in this state into or through other
6 parts of this state or other states and from the quarantined or regulated
7 area in other states into or through this state. The secretary shall impose
8 such inspection, disinfection, certification or permit and other
9 requirements as the secretary shall deem necessary to effectuate the
10 purposes of this act. The secretary is authorized to establish regulations
11 defining pest freedom standards for live plants, plants and plant products
12 or other regulated articles that pose risk of moving plant pests that may
13 cause economic or environmental harm.

14 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 2-2118 is hereby amended to read as
15 follows: 2-2118. Upon request the secretary may provide inspection
16 services for any person who owns or possesses plants or plant products or
17 for certification purposes of regulated articles intended for shipment
18 ~~interstate or internationally~~. Upon payment of the appropriate fee as
19 established by rule and regulation and as inspection personnel are
20 available, the inspection shall be conducted and a report or certificate
21 setting forth the inspection results shall be issued if requested. Inspection
22 fees shall not exceed \$30 per hour, *not including exclusive diagnostic and*
23 *identification fees, which shall be assessed as established by rules and*
24 *regulations adopted by the secretary*. Mileage incurred shall also be paid
25 by the person requesting the inspection at the rate established by ~~rules~~
26 ~~and regulation~~ *regulations*. If certificate is requested an additional fee not
27 to exceed \$50, *as established by rules and regulations*, plus any fee
28 amount charged by the United States government for the acquisition of
29 federal certificates shall be assessed. The fees for such inspection and
30 certificate in effect on the day preceding the effective date of this act shall
31 continue in effect until the secretary adopts rules and regulations fixing a
32 different fee therefor under this subsection. In any case where any
33 intended receiving state or country requires or authorizes the certification
34 of plants or plant products, bees or beekeeping equipment or other
35 regulated articles to be based on origin, special handling, treatment or any
36 other procedure in addition to or in lieu of actual visual inspection of such
37 articles, the secretary may provide such certification. The secretary may
38 refuse to perform any inspection if the regulated article to be inspected is
39 found to be in such condition that it cannot be adequately inspected or the
40 environs in which the regulated article is located present a danger to the
41 health and safety of the inspection personnel.

42 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 2-2120 is hereby amended to read as
43 follows: 2-2120.

1 (a) Every live plant dealer, before selling or offering for sale or
2 delivering any live plants in this state, shall procure from the secretary a
3 live plant dealer's license for each location ~~and vehicle~~ from which the
4 live plant dealer offers such live plants for sale.

5 (b) Application for such license shall be made on a form furnished
6 by the secretary, ~~and~~ The fee for each application shall be fixed by rules
7 and regulations adopted by the secretary, except that such fee shall not
8 exceed \$60, ~~and shall not apply to live plant dealers whose total annual~~
9 ~~retail live plant sales are less than \$10,000. The application fee in effect~~
10 ~~on the day preceding the effective date of this act shall continue in effect~~
11 ~~until the secretary adopts rules and regulations fixing a different~~
12 ~~application fee under this section.~~

13 (c) *A live plant dealer shall not require a license if such live plant*
14 *dealer does not import or export plants into or from the state and the*
15 *annual gross receipts of such live plant dealer's business is less than*
16 *\$10,000.*

17 (d) ~~The~~Such live plant dealer's license shall expire on January 31,
18 following date of issue, ~~except that all valid certificates of nursery~~
19 ~~inspection and nursery dealer licenses issued by the secretary that are~~
20 ~~scheduled to expire in 2002 shall remain valid until January 31, 2003.~~

21 (e) A live plant dealer may sell only live plants:

22 (1) Which are in compliance with all quarantines and regulated
23 nonquarantine pest freedom standards established by the secretary; or

24 (2) live plants accompanied by a valid certificate of inspection of a
25 federal inspector or inspector of another state; stating that such live plants
26 comply with all applicable quarantines and regulated nonquarantine pest
27 freedom standards. ~~Except where restricted by a quarantine, live plants~~
28 ~~transplanted on one contiguous property are exempt from the provisions~~
29 ~~of this act.~~

30 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 2-2122 is hereby amended to read as
31 follows: 2-2122. ~~If it is found that any live plant dealer license issued by~~
32 ~~the secretary is being used in connection with live plants which do not~~
33 ~~meet the quarantines and regulated nonquarantine pest freedom standards~~
34 ~~established by the secretary, or other precautionary measures prescribed~~
35 ~~by the secretary under the provisions of this act and amendments thereto,~~
36 ~~or if it is found that any live plant dealer's license is being used by a~~
37 ~~person other than the one to whom it was issued, the secretary may~~
38 ~~revoke the live plant dealer's license after notice and opportunity for a~~
39 ~~hearing are given in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas~~
40 ~~administrative procedure act to show cause why the license should not be~~
41 ~~revoked.~~

42 *The secretary, after providing notice and opportunity for a hearing in*
43 *accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure*

1 *act, may deny any application for, or refuse to renew, revoke, suspend or*
2 *modify the provisions of any license, permit or certificate issued pursuant*
3 *to this act if applicant or holder of such license, permit or certificate has*
4 *failed to comply with:*

5 *(a) Any provision or requirement of this act or any rule or*
6 *regulation adopted hereunder; or*

7 *(b) any laws, rules or regulations of any other state, or the United*
8 *States, relating to licensing of live plant dealers, plant pests, plants or*
9 *plant products or commodity certification; or*

10 *(c) had any license, certificate or permit issued by any other state,*
11 *or the United States, related to the licensing of live plant dealers, plant*
12 *pests, plants or plant products revoked, suspended or modified.*

13 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 2-2123 is hereby amended to read as
14 follows: 2-2123. ~~It shall be unlawful to deliver, transport or ship into or~~
15 ~~within this state live plants or other regulated articles which are not in~~
16 ~~compliance with the provisions of this act.~~

17 ~~(a) Any such live plants intended for resale and any such live plants~~
18 ~~transported by public carriers sold, delivered, transported or shipped into~~
19 ~~or within this state by a live plant dealer shall have attached to each~~
20 ~~quantity or package be accompanied by a tag, or label, itemized bill of~~
21 ~~lading, receipt or other document on which shall appear the name and~~
22 ~~address of the consigner or shipper, a description of the contents and the~~
23 ~~place of origin. Live plants brought into the state under a document, as~~
24 ~~required by this section, may be sold and moved under a valid Kansas~~
25 ~~live plant dealer license, and this shall not preclude inspection by the~~
26 ~~secretary at any time within the state.~~

27 ~~(b) All live plants and regulated articles shipped or moved into this~~
28 ~~state shall be accompanied by a copy of a valid document documentation~~
29 ~~issued by the proper official of the state, territory, district or country from~~
30 ~~which it was shipped, or moved sent, or brought showing that such live~~
31 ~~plants or regulated articles are in compliance with Kansas quarantines~~
32 ~~and regulated nonquarantine pest freedom standards as established by the~~
33 ~~secretary.~~

34 ~~Live plants brought into the state under a document, as required by~~
35 ~~this section, may be sold and moved under a valid Kansas live plant~~
36 ~~dealer license, and this shall not preclude inspection by the secretary at~~
37 ~~any time within the state.~~

38 ~~(c) Electronic or mail order sales of live plants are subject to the~~
39 ~~provisions of this act. All regulated articles shipped or moved into Kansas~~
40 ~~shall be accompanied by valid documentation issued by the proper~~
41 ~~official of the state, territory, district or county [country] from which it~~
42 ~~was shipped or moved showing that the regulated article is in compliance~~
43 ~~with Kansas quarantines or pest freedom standards, or both, established~~

1 ~~for such article.~~

2 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 2-2124 is hereby amended to read as
3 follows: 2-2124. (a) It shall be a violation of this act for any person to:

4 ~~(a)(1) To~~ Sell, barter, offer for sale, or move, transport, deliver, ship
5 or offer for shipment into or within this state any plant pests in any living
6 stage without first obtaining approval for such shipment from the
7 secretary;

8 ~~(b)(2) to~~ hinder or prevent the secretary from carrying out his or her
9 duties under this act;

10 ~~(c)(3) to~~ fail to carry out the treatment or destruction of any plant
11 pest or regulated article in accordance with official notification from the
12 secretary;

13 ~~(d)(4) to~~ sell, transport, deliver, distribute, offer or expose for sale
14 live plants which are not in compliance with the provisions of this act;

15 ~~(e)(5) to~~ use an invalid, *suspended* or revoked certificate of
16 inspection, *permit* or live plant dealer license; in the sale or distribution of
17 live plants;

18 ~~(f)(6) to~~ fail to comply with any of the provisions of this act, or the
19 rules and regulations ~~promulgated~~ *adopted* hereunder; and

20 ~~(g)(7) to~~ knowingly move any regulated article into *or within* this
21 state from a quarantined area ~~of any other state~~ when such article has not
22 been treated or handled as provided by the requirements of said
23 quarantine at the point of origin of such article.

24 (b) *Each day a violation of this act occurs or continues shall*
25 *constitute a separate violation.*

26 (c) *The district court shall have jurisdiction over violations of this*
27 *act or rules and regulations adopted hereunder. Such court may issue*
28 *orders, including, but not limited to, temporary restraining orders,*
29 *without first requiring proof that an adequate remedy at law does not*
30 *exist. Any such orders shall be issued without bond. Such orders may be*
31 *instituted prior to the initiation of any criminal, administrative or civil*
32 *penalty proceedings.*

33 Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 2-2125 is hereby amended to read as
34 follows: 2-2125. (a) Any person ~~who intentionally violating~~ *violates any*
35 *of the provisions of subsection (a)(1), (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5) or (a)(7) of*
36 *K.S.A. 2-2124, and amendments thereto, this act shall be deemed guilty of*
37 *a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not*
38 *less than \$25 nor more than \$500. severity level 7, nonperson felony.*

39 (b) *A person who violates subsection (a)(2) or (a)(6) of K.S.A. 2-*
40 *2124, and amendments thereto, shall be guilty of a class A nonperson*
41 *misdemeanor.*

42 ~~(b)(c)~~ *The secretary, after providing notice and opportunity for a*
43 *hearing, in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act,*

1 may assess a civil penalty against any person who violates or fails to
2 comply with the requirements of this act, *or any rules or regulations*
3 *adopted hereunder*, of not less than \$100 nor more than ~~\$1,000~~\$5000 per
4 ~~offense~~ violation. In the case of a continuing offense, each day the
5 violation continues may be deemed a separate violation. *A separate civil*
6 *penalty may be assessed for each separate violation.* Such civil penalty
7 may be assessed in addition to any other penalty provided by law. ~~Such~~
8 ~~assessment shall be made in accordance with the Kansas administrative~~
9 ~~procedure act.~~

10 Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 2-2126 is hereby amended to read as
11 follows: 2-2126. The secretary shall ~~promulgate~~*adopt*, amend and repeal
12 such rules and regulations as, in the discretion of the secretary, are
13 necessary for the ~~efficient execution~~*administration and enforcement* of
14 the provisions of this act.

15 Sec. 12. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 2-2128 is hereby amended to read as
16 follows: 2-2128. (a) The secretary shall remit all moneys received by or
17 for the secretary under article 21 of chapter 2 of Kansas Statutes
18 Annotated, and amendments thereto, to the state treasurer in accordance
19 with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon
20 receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire
21 amount in the state treasury to the credit of the ~~entomology~~*plant*
22 *protection* fee fund. All expenditures from such fund shall be made in
23 accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of
24 accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the
25 secretary of agriculture or by a person or persons designated by the
26 secretary.

27 (b) *The entomology fee fund is hereby redesignated the plant*
28 *protection fee fund.*

29 Sec. 13. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 2-2129 is hereby amended to read as
30 follows: 2-2129. (a) There is hereby created a plant pest emergency
31 response fund in the state treasury. ~~Such fund shall be funded by a fee~~
32 ~~assessed in addition to the fees assessed a live plant dealer under article~~
33 ~~21 of chapter 2 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated. The additional fee shall~~
34 ~~be fixed by rule and regulation promulgated by the secretary of~~
35 ~~agriculture, except that such additional fee shall not exceed \$5 annually~~
36 ~~on each live plant dealer license. The secretary is authorized and~~
37 ~~empowered to collect the fees provided in this section. When the total~~
38 ~~amount of fees deposited in the fund is equal to or exceeds \$15,000, the~~
39 ~~secretary shall not collect any such fees as provided in this section. When~~
40 ~~expenditures made from the fund result in the total amount of the fees~~
41 ~~deposited in the fund to be less than \$15,000, the secretary may resume~~
42 ~~the assessment and collection of such fees as provided in this section.~~

43 (b) The secretary is authorized and empowered to make

1 expenditures from the plant pest emergency response fund and that in the
2 discretion of the secretary mitigate pests that have been identified by the
3 secretary as high risk pests having the potential to damage agriculture,
4 horticulture or the environment. Such expenditures may include the costs
5 of enforcement to protect against high risk pests identified by the
6 secretary. All expenditures from such fund shall be made in accordance
7 with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and
8 reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary or by a
9 designee of the secretary.

10 (c) The plant pest emergency response fund shall be a fund separate
11 and distinct from the ~~entomology~~ *plant protection* fee fund referred to in
12 K.S.A. 2-2128, and amendments thereto.

13 (d) The provisions of this section shall be part of and supplemental
14 to this act.

15 Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 2-2113, 2-2115, 2-2116, 2-2117, 2-2118,
16 2-2120, 2-2122, 2-2123, 2-2124, 2-2125, 2-2126, 2-2128 and 2-2129 are
17 hereby repealed.

18 Sec. 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
19 publication in the statute book.

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