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LT. GOVERNOR

April 21, 2017

The Honorable Paul Pate  
Secretary of State of Iowa  
State Capitol Building  
LOCAL

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 410, an Act classifying palmer amaranth as a primary noxious weed and an invasive plant and making penalties applicable.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad  
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Clerk of the House



House File 410

AN ACT

CLASSIFYING PALMER AMARANTH AS A PRIMARY NOXIOUS WEED AND AN  
INVASIVE PLANT AND MAKING PENALTIES APPLICABLE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 199.1, subsection 16, paragraph a, Code 2017, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (9) Palmer amaranth — *Amaranthus palmeri*.

Sec. 2. Section 317.1A, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2017, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (12) Palmer amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*).


Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 317.14A **Special requirements for the control or elimination of palmer amaranth on conservation reserve program land.**


The program for weed control established pursuant to section 317.13, and any order issued under that program, shall not apply to the control or elimination of palmer amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*) on land enrolled in the conservation reserve program as described in 7 C.F.R. pt. 1410, unless the control or elimination measures comply with the conservation reserve program requirements for that land including contract requirements. The board of supervisors in adopting the program for weed control, or the commissioner in administering the program, shall seek cooperation with the United States department of agriculture, which may include the department's

farm service agency office for that county, the farm service agency's state office, or any other office or official designated by the department.


Sec. 4. Section 317.25, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2017, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (9) Palmer amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*).

  
LINDA UPMEYER  
Speaker of the House

  
JACK WHITVER  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 410, Eighty-seventh General Assembly.

  
CARMINE BOAL  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 21, 2017

  
TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor