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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting the sale or distribution of purple  
2 loosestrife.

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

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SF 220 NAT. RES. & ENVIRONMENT

1 Section 1. Section 317.25, Code 1999, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 317.25 TEASEL, MULTIFLORA ROSE, AND PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE  
4 PROHIBITED -- EXCEPTIONS.

5 A person shall not sell, offer for sale, or distribute  
6 teasel (*Dipsacus*) biennial, the multiflora rose (*rosa*  
7 multiflora), purple loosestrife (*lythrum salicaria*), purple  
8 loosestrife (*lythrum virgatum*), or seeds of them in any form  
9 in this state. However, this section does not prohibit the  
10 sale, offer for sale, or distribution of the multiflora rose  
11 (*rosa multiflora*) used for understock for either cultivated  
12 roses or ornamental shrubs in gardens. ~~This section also does~~  
13 ~~not prohibit the sale, offer for sale, or distribution of~~  
14 ~~varieties of the purple loosestrife (*lythrum virgatum*) when~~  
15 ~~used for ornamental gardens, and which are sterile or~~  
16 ~~nonaggressive according to a list published by the state weed~~  
17 ~~commissioner pursuant to chapter 17A. A person engaged in the~~  
18 ~~business of selling purple loosestrife shall keep accurate~~  
19 ~~records, as specified by the department of agriculture and~~  
20 ~~land stewardship, of each variety of purple loosestrife sold,~~  
21 ~~offered for sale, or distributed. The person shall allow the~~  
22 ~~department of agriculture and land stewardship to inspect the~~  
23 ~~records during regular business hours.~~ Any person violating  
24 the provisions of this section is subject to a fine of not  
25 exceeding one hundred dollars.

26 EXPLANATION

27 Currently, the sale, offer for sale, or distribution of  
28 purple loosestrife (*lythrum virgatum*) is allowed under certain  
29 circumstances and there is a recordkeeping requirement for  
30 such sales and distribution. This bill prohibits the sale,  
31 offer for sale, or distribution of purple loosestrife (*lythrum*  
32 *virgatum*) and removes the related recordkeeping requirements.

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