A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act banning the importation, transfer, and cultivation of orange hawkweed and purple loosestrife."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 03.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 03.05.087. Orange hawkweed and purple loosestrife; prohibition. (a) A person may not

(1) knowingly import an orange hawkweed or purple loosestrife plant or any part of an orange hawkweed or purple loosestrife plant into the state;

(2) sell, give, or otherwise transfer an orange hawkweed or purple loosestrife plant or any part of an orange hawkweed or purple loosestrife plant to another person, except for disposal in a manner consistent with a regulation adopted under this section;

(3) knowingly plant or cultivate an orange hawkweed or purple loosestrife plant.
(b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations providing for the disposal of orange hawkweed and purple loosestrife plants and plant parts to prevent the further propagation of the species in the state.

(c) A person who violates (a) of this section is subject to the penalty in AS 03.05.090.

(d) In this section,
(1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources;
(2) "orange hawkweed" means the plant species with the scientific name "Hieracium aurantiacum," that also is commonly referred to as "devil's paintbrush," "red devil," or "grim-the-collier";
(3) "purple loosestrife" means the plant species with the scientific name "Lythrum salicaria."