

**SENATE BILL NO. 245**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR GARY STEVENS

Introduced: 1/23/06

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Resources

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

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

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

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

5 **Sec. 03.05.087. Orange hawkweed and purple loosestrife; prohibition.** (a)

6 A person may not

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

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

13 (3) knowingly plant or cultivate an orange hawkweed or purple  
14 loosestrife plant.

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

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

6           (d) In this section,

7                   (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources;

8                   (2) "orange hawkweed" means the plant species with the scientific  
9 name "Hieracium aurantiacum," that also is commonly referred to as "devil's  
10 paintbrush," "red devil," or "grim-the-collier";

11                   (3) "purple loosestrife" means the plant species with the scientific  
12 name "Lythrum salicaria."